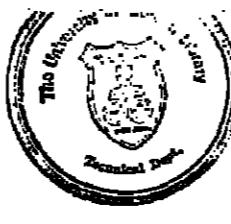


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Pakistani President vows stern action to crush saboteurs

KARACHI, Oct 3. (Agencies): President Ghulam Ishaq Khan toured violence-torn southern Pakistan today and vowed "stern action to crush saboteurs and their foreign agents" he blamed for unrest that has left more than 264 people dead in four days.

"The government is fully aware of the elements responsible for the disturbances," Khan said in a speech to political and military officials in Hyderabad, 90 miles (150 km) northeast of the southern port of Karachi.

Support

"The government will take stern action to crush saboteurs and their foreign agents who are trying to wreck the nation," said Ishaq Khan, the constitutional successor to President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious Aug 17 plane crash that also killed senior military officials.

The President did not elaborate, but Islamabad has previously accused the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul of seeking to destabilise Pakistan for its support for Afghan rebels. Pakistan has also fought three wars

with its neighbour India since 1948.

As the President was speaking, unidentified gunmen ambushed a group of people waiting outside Hyderabad's central jail for the release of friends and relatives arrested in ethnic clashes two months ago, police said. They said the attackers killed one person and kidnapped four others.

Despite a curfew, snipers also wounded six people in the city and gunmen ambushed a police van at about 2 am, injuring five officers.

Doctors said three bodies and five injured people were brought to hospitals today after fresh shootings in the city.

Curfews

Two more people also died of injuries sustained on Friday, bringing to 182 the death toll in the massacre by scores of gunmen who opened fire indiscriminately throughout Hyderabad and its twin city of Laiabad. More than 300 people were injured.

Troops today maintained curfews in many parts of Karachi and no incidents were reported in the city, where at least 24 people died and 200 were wounded in

ethnic violence at the weekend sparked by Friday's massacre.

A potential flashpoint, a religious procession by the people of Karachi, passed peacefully today under heavy police and Army surveillance.

It was still not clear who carried out the massacre. Members of the Mohajir community, who migrated from India following the partition of the subcontinent in 1947, blamed the native Sindhis.

Improve

Government, military and opposition leaders have said they believe the unrest was engineered to destabilise the country and prevent the scheduled Nov 16 elections.

Ishaq Khan said "every effort will be made to bring the situation back to normal. But this can be done only through free and fair elections that will improve the atmosphere of the country."

The President later visited Karachi to review the security situation with local political leaders and military officials.

Since Zia's death, Ishaq Khan has run the country as head of an emergency committee composed of leading military and civilian officials.

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Soldiers search a car going towards a curfew area in Karachi. (Reuter wirephoto)

Eleven killed as houses collapse

NEW DELHI, Oct 3. (Reuters): Eleven people, including eight children, were killed as houses collapsed after heavy rains lashed Bombay, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

The news agency said walls of several houses collapsed killing men, women and children this morning. At least 13 people were injured.

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Arafat in China for Middle East talks

BEIJING, Oct 3. (AP): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in China today to discuss Jordan's break with the West Bank and other recent Middle East developments.

Youssif Rejeb Radhi, head of the PLO mission in Beijing, said Arafat is expected to meet several of China's top leaders during his three-day working visit, his first to China since 1985.

Arabs

Radhi said one topic is likely to be the decision of Jordan's King Hussein in August to dismantle Jordan's legal and administrative links in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, opening the way for a larger PLO role in the region.

The PLO leadership now is debating whether to establish a government-in-exile or a prov-

isional government encompassing the West Bank.

China long has been a strong backer of the PLO, supplying the organisation with both material and arms in the past.

It has recently expanded trade and other unofficial contacts with Israel, and China's Foreign Minister Qian Qichen recently met his Israeli counterpart Shimon Peres at the United Nations in New York for talks on the Middle East situation.

But China insists it will not establish diplomatic relations with Israel while Israel occupies land seized during the 1967 Middle East war.

Arafat flew in from Baghdad, where he held talks with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Foreign reporters who tried to cover the arrival in Beijing were turned away by Chinese security.

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Vice-President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, waited with other dignitaries for the crew to leave the white and black spaceship.

Meanwhile, his special representative Jan Eliasson, the chief delegate of Sweden and UN aides met the two delegations, also separately.

Addressed

It was not immediately clear whether Velayati and Aziz would have a further joint meeting in New York, where both are attending the UN General Assembly.

Velayati addressed the 159-nation body today and Aziz was scheduled to speak there next Friday.

Yesterday's talks were their first since Sept 13 when meetings began in Geneva on Aug 25, five days after the Gulf ceasefire, were adjourned.

Iraq agreed to a resumption in New York on condition that there be only a single meeting and that subsequent talks take place in Geneva.

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., Oct 3. (Reuters): The space shuttle Discovery landed at this desert air base today, completing a four-day mission that marked America's return to manned space flight.

The Discovery and its crew of five landed safely at 1637 GMT in the first manned space flight since the Challenger exploded 32 months ago killing seven astronauts.

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Between 12 and 50 mines are known to have been sunk unexploded, by local naval units off the coast between Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, one source said. "If those aren't found and destroyed, one of them bumping against a pipeline and exploding could create an immense pollution problem," he said.

Progress toward a co-ordinated anti-mine effort is impeded by political concerns within the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council, the military and diplomatic sources said.

The GCC countries remained nominally neutral during the war but supported Iraq against non-Arab Iran.

Now, say Western diplomats,

the GCC states are reluctant to undertake any action that either

Bahrain or Lebanon might interpret as hostile.

"As long as the Geneva peace talks remain stalled, nobody wants to do anything that could be seen as 'anti-anybody,'" said one diplomat.

The mine threat, one said,

"isn't something they're paying a

lot of attention to, and they're

not likely to until things start to

go bang in the night."

Military sources, speaking on

condition they not be identified,

said the mines threaten not only

Gulf shipping but the fishing

industry, underwater oil

pipelines, and even children who

sometimes find the odd-looking

globes washed up on beaches.

Several coastal fishing dhows

have been sunk or damaged by

mines. One source recalled that

two Bahraini children were killed

by a derelict mine last year, and

said another was found recently

in Qatar.

The mines don't know there's

a ceasefire. They're out there,

cocked and ready to fire. If we

don't deal with them on our

terms, we'll have to deal with

them on theirs," said US Navy

Capt. Jim Miller, who has com-

manded the US minesweeping

contingent in the Gulf for the

past few months.

At least seven mines have been

found in the Gulf since the truce

went into effect 45 days ago, and

there's a "statistical probability"

that a ship, sooner or later, is

going to hit one of the explosives,

said a military source, speaking

on condition of anonymity.

Assessments

American intelligence assessments say there are 150 to 200 mines still in the Gulf, concentrated in the north. Most are believed to have been laid by Iran and some by Iraq, officers say, but neither country has provided data on the locations.

These officers have predicted that the problem will worsen as winter storms cause more long-submerged explosives to break away and follow prevailing currents down the western coast of

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Secretary-General Javier

Perez de Cuellar, who presided

over yesterday's three-hour ses-

sion between Foreign Ministers

Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and

Tareq Aziz of Iraq, said today

there was neither a breakthrough

nor a breakdown.

Perez de Cuellar expected to

see the two ministers separately

within 24 hours, possibly late

today, a spokesman for the

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INTERNATIONAL

Malaria, dysentery and pneumonia are on the rise

Floods devastate largest refugee camp in Ethiopia

ITANG, Ethiopia, Oct 3. (Reuters) Severe flooding has devastated the largest refugee camp in Ethiopia, a city of thatched huts housing 213,000 victims who have fled from famine and civil war in southern Sudan.

The Baro River burst its banks in mid-August flooding a quarter of Itang refugee camp and turning the rest into a sea of mud.

Malaria, dysentery and pneumonia are on the increase and health officials fear an epidemic could break out at any moment. Drinking water supplies are contaminated and most of the camp's 213,000 inhabitants wash and defecate in the same muddy water that they drink.

Refusing

"What we have tried to do is to educate them about the water, but we don't seem to be making much progress," Kingsley Amaning, the UN official in charge of Itang, told Reuters.

"People are refusing to move

out of this unsanitary and congested situation. They just don't care. They are even fishing in the floodwaters around them," added Hadish Asgedom, the Ethiopian government's chief representative at the camp.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), whose department supervises Itang, has distributed hundreds of tents to families whose small round huts are now thigh deep in water.

But most of the 45,000 people whose homes have been submerged prefer to either stay in their flooded dwellings or move in with friends on drier ground.

Luckier

"Living in a tent is not good for me, particularly since I have children," said Awiel Kuol, who shares her one-room but in the middle of a muddy lake with 14 other people.

Kuol is luckier than most, for her family has built a mud wall around the hut to keep it dry. She

has to wade through water up to her waist every time she goes to see a neighbour.

"We are not as healthy as we used to be," she admits. "Some of the children are suffering from pneumonia and malaria."

Heavy rains which have provoked the worst flooding in 20 years in southern Ethiopia have also cut roads leading to this remote camp on Savannah lowlands near the Sudanese border, 500 km (300 miles) west of Addis Ababa.

Influx

The trucks are now getting through again, but Amaning, a Ghanaian, said Itang refugee camp was in a "desperate situation," with only five days of food stocks left in reserve.

Nearby Fungido refugee camp, which houses 41,000 people, is still frequently cut off by a swollen river, Amaning added.

Famine and civil war in southern Sudan have sent over 320,000 refugees fleeing into Ethiopia

since 1983. A third of them have arrived in the past 12 months.

Amaning said heavy rains, which also hit southern Sudan, had reduced the influx of refugees to 3,000 in September from a record of 12,000 in August.

But the land will soon be drying out again and Amaning, the UNHCR's chief representative at Itang told Reuters that "we can probably expect an influx of 20,000 per month over the next six months."

The UNHCR is working on a plan to drain Itang and move its people to smaller, better planned settlements around the present camp, which will be provided with boreholes for safe drinking water, schools, clinics and other facilities.

The drainage work is due to begin this month as soon as the River Baro starts falling, but Amaning says the present crisis will persist for at least two months until the camp has completely dried out.



A youth group bow from their waists to pray for the early recovery of the gravely ill Emperor Hirohito in front of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hirohito remains in stable condition

Japan's royal graves defaced

TOKYO, Oct 3. (Reuters) Imperial graves in the old Japanese capitals of Kyoto and Nara were vandalised today in the first overt opposition to extensive sympathetic media coverage of Emperor Hirohito's illness.

Left-wing radicals scattered horse manure outside a burial mound in Nara reputed to contain the remains of Emperor Jimmu, the legendary first ruler of Japan, police said.

In nearby Kyoto, another of Japan's many former capital cities, police said a smoke bomb was exploded outside the tomb of the Meiji Emperor, Hirohito's grandfather.

In the same city, famous for its royal palaces, castles and temples, red paint was sprayed over an Imperial Household Agency

billboard while in Tokyo and elsewhere, there were several minor acts of vandalism which police said were anti-royalist.

The Association of Revolutionary Workers (Kakurokyo), a small but militant radical group, distributed leaflets on a Tokyo computer rail line saying "now is the time to get rid of the imperial system."

Hirohito remained in stable but critical condition after surviving the second crisis in his two-week fight against what is generally accepted to be cancer of the pancreas.

Imperial Household Agency officials have given few details of his illness beyond routine medical bulletins. They said today Hirohito had been given a further transfusion of blood

platelets in an attempt to stop internal bleeding and keep his fever under control.

Some of Japan's leftists, including the Communist Party, have branded Hirohito a war criminal.

However, during his illness there has been no criticism in the Japanese media of his role in leading his country into World War Two, prompting some analysts to warn that the sort of nationalism which prevailed then could be allowed to return.

But the majority of those expressing any opinion about the 87-year-old monarch have been sympathetic. So far some 3.5 million people have registered their respect by signing books at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and other locations.

Man shot dead in Belfast

BELFAST, Oct 3. (AP) Gunmen burst into a west Belfast house early today and shot a man to death while four children survived the attack at their home, police said.

The Irish People's Liberation Organisation claimed responsibility for killing a man they identified as Henry McNamee, 33, a Roman Catholic.

The organisation is a fragment of the Irish National Liberation Army, itself an extremist offshoot of the Irish Republican Army. Its claim was made in a statement to news organisations.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary, Northern Ireland's police force, said the man was shot several times at close range. A spokesman said he could not confirm the man's identity.

The spokesman said the police force does not confirm or deny whether specific individuals are providing them with information. McNamee's brother said Henry McNamee had not collaborated with police.

In the other shooting, four children aged one to 12 and their grandmother were unharmed when several men fired about 20 shots into their house in south Belfast, police said. They said they were not aware of any motive for the attack.

Meanwhile, the British Army said it took seven hours to defuse a 600-pound (271-kilogramme) car bomb found in a stolen van in a parking lot at Magherafelt, 42 miles (67 km) northwest of Belfast.

The bomb was detected by a police patrol Saturday night 90 minutes before the outlawed IRA called a local radio station to say it was there. The mainly Catholic IRA is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

In Londonderry, the second largest city in the province, police said an unidentified youth was recovering in a hospital after being hit in the stomach with a plastic bullet. The bullet was fired by troops quelling a riot in the Roman Catholic Bogside area.

SLA pledges allegiance to Aoun's cabinet

BEIRUT, Oct 3. (AP) The ruler of Israel's "security zone" in South Lebanon pledged allegiance to the Christian cabinet in Lebanon's dual government today and urged the United States and Syria to reconsider their Lebanon policies.

Maj. Gen. Antoine Lahd, commander of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia, announced his stance at a news conference in Jizze, the largest Christian town in South Lebanon with 30,000 people.

Jizze, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Beirut, is the northern-most tip of Israel's self-proclaimed security zone.

In West Beirut, police said a bomb exploded in the abandoned Cola plant today, touching off a blaze doused by fire engines. Police said there were no casualties.

Bombs
Two other bombs exploded in garbage dumps elsewhere in the city's Muslim sector last night, causing no damage or casualties, police reported.

There have been 14 such bombings in the 11 days since the political crisis that cemented Lebanon's de facto partition into Muslim and Christian cantons run by rival cabinets.

"The cabinet formed by President (Amin) Gemayel under Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun is the legitimate government," said Lahd in his first public endorsement of the Christian cabinet. His news conference was broadcast by his militia's Voice of Hope radio station.

"The United States and Syria are required to reconsider their policies in Lebanon," Lahd added.

He called on Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to make "friendly and sincere relations with the Lebanese for this is better for Syria's interests than seeking hegemony."

In a first reaction to Lahd, Nabil Berri, leader of the Shiite Muslim Amal militia and a minister in Hoss' cabinet said he was against military actions.

"If some in the security zone began threatening military measures, we affirm that we were and still are against any military actions," Berri was quoted as saying by the Muslim-controlled Voice of the Nation radio station.

Asked whether Parliament will convene to elect a new President in the near future, Berri was quoted as saying, "There will be no elections. We do not need them (the Christians)."

"We need one government, at least in the current stage, that will unite the country and form a new (political) system. It is not required to have a President that will rule without responsibilities."

Fighter planes

BERN, Oct 3. (KUNA) The Swiss government today decided to buy 34 F-18 "Hornet" fighter planes from McDonnell Douglas, at a cost of three billion francs (\$1.89 billion), instead of the General Dynamics F-16 "Falcon," although these were 15 percent cheaper.

Defence Department chief Arnold Koller, speaking after a cabinet session at which the decision was finalised, said that the F-18 contained better electronic attack and defence systems, and was more easy to integrate into Switzerland's armed forces than its chief rival.

Bombing

JOHANNESBURG, Oct 3. (Reuters) A bomb exploded in the South African port of Durban outside offices of an Indian candidate in nationwide municipal elections, police said today.

No one was injured in the blast about 9 pm (1900 GMT) yesterday, police spokesman Bala Naidoo told reporters.

He said the bomb was planted alongside a temporary structure set up by an unidentified candidate for the segregated Indian municipality of Wentworth district in this month's polls.

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Local contractors will profit from peace, union head says

THE chairman of the Kuwait Contractors' Union, Abdulla Al Dousari, has said that the restoration of peace to the Gulf region will remunerate local contractors.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Dousari said that peace will reflect positively on the economic and development activities in the region. He said that markets which slumped during the past eight years will be reactivated and the reconstruction of areas devastated by the war will occupy contracting companies for several years.

Stagnation

He called for the necessary co-operation and co-ordination between the government and the private sector to face the challenge of competition from foreign multinational companies, which are fighting for the lion's share of contracting projects in the region.

Al Dousari said that the con-

tracting sector suffered severe stagnation during the war, the eruption of which coincided with several local and regional developments, including the Manakh crisis, the retreat in oil revenues and security difficulties.

However, the political thaw in the region will not be sufficient to completely solve the problems in the contracting sector, as these problems require sound planning, co-ordination and co-operation on both local and regional levels, he said.

Competition

Speaking of the role of the Contractors' Union in the reconstruction process, Al Dousari said that the union will involve itself in the work between the government and private companies with a view toward upgrading the contracting sector in the national economic interest.

He said that the union has intensified its efforts in the last

three years by organising seminars and preparing research studies in co-operation with the relevant government authorities. These efforts are designed to provide radical solutions to the sector's problems and to impose certain restrictions to deter speculators.

Relying to a question on the ability of local firms to participate in the reconstruction projects in Iran and Iraq, Al Dousari expressed confidence in their experience and added that the union is in touch with the Iraqi authorities to familiarise itself with their development projects.

He added, however, that even with the technical and administrative expertise of local companies, stiff competition can be expected from foreign firms, which enjoy the support of their governments.

Al Dousari called for similar support from government to the private sector here.

Public asked not to damage telephones

THE Ministry of Communications has incurred large expenses for repairing public telephones which had been damaged by vandals, according to an authoritative source at the ministry.

The ministry wishes to provide public telephone service in all areas and has begun a new plan to fix public telephones in public places and commercial com-

plexes. The owners of these facilities and complexes will have to bear the installation charges of these telephones and will have to ensure they are not damaged, he said.

There are 43 public telephones in Kuwait City and 23 of these are in the Ministries Complex. The ministry removed a number of public telephones because they were continually being damaged.

The ministry has carried out many informational campaigns urging the public not to damage public telephones, the source concluded.

Saudia to start cargo flights to Taiwan

JEDDAH, Oct 3. (KUNA): Saudia, the national Saudi airline, will start cargo flights between the kingdom and Taiwan on Wednesday.

The first flight, which will open a new route for air cargo, will leave on Wednesday from Jeddah Airport for Taipei.

Saudia will host a reception that will be attended by a number of Taiwan officials and Saudia agents in that country.

Saudia will also hold an exhibition that will highlight the company's development and accomplishments.

Three arrested for performing illegal abortions

KUWAIT, Oct 3. (KUNA): The Interior Ministry said today that after intensive investigations its detectives arrested an Indian national for illegally performing abortions.

Jafarnejz Sikor admitted performing abortions on two Sri Lankan women. He said he was paid KD186 for each abortion.

The suspect confessed that three Sri Lankans were assisting him.

The Sri Lankans were arrested and admitted the accusations.

The defendants were referred to investigative authorities.

New ration card renewal system being planned

THIS year a new system will be introduced allowing citizens and expatriates to renew their ration cards through the 63 centres from October up to the end of December of each year. Additionally, 15 other centres will be opened.

In an interview with a local daily, Mohammed Al Falah, head of the ration card department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry was quoted as saying that about 1.2 million citizens and residents benefitted from the cards.

He added that there is a strict system instituted to prevent manipulation of subsidised commodities, including reselling.

To obtain a new ration card, the applicant must submit his and his wife's passports. Residences should be valid for at least eight months prior to application date. Birth certificates should be provided for children, Al Falah said.

Tuition ban draws fire

THE Ministry of Education has taken a firm stand on the issue of private tuition and the decision to forbid private institutes from giving such tuition has given rise to strong reactions among educational officials.

Ismail Zahran, the director of an institute, says that the decision has had negative effects on the relationship between institutes, parents and the ministry.

A representative of the commercial institutes handled a case against the Ministry of Education to try to sort out this issue.

The case was upheld three months ago and a lawyer was appointed to follow up the case. Despite the fact that two court sessions have already taken place, the ministry has not presented any evidence in its favour, he said.

The court recently asked a number of parents to come to court to give their opinions on the issue.

Advantage

Abikal Al Abkal, the owner of a private institute, says that the poor results among general secondary students last year are proof of the need for private tuition. Institutes offered reasonably priced lessons which did not conflict with any ministry curriculums, and were clearly effective in improving students

levels, he said.

He added that the Kuwait Teachers' Society took advantage of the ministry decision and organised courses at high fees. Many students have already withdrawn from these courses because of the cost.

Sayel Abdulrahim said that banning private tuition has forced many parents to appoint teachers to give their children lessons at home. This could have been avoided if the ministry had been more supportive in the matter, he said.

French School fees announced

THE French School has been permitted tuition fees on the same level authorised for first class foreign schools, according to a decision issued by the Minister of Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri.

The decision is effective from the present scholastic year and determines fees for different stages as follows:

Kindergarten, KD575; primary, KD980; Intermediate, KD1,065; and Secondary, KD1,110.

The school is allowed to collect privilege fees of KD25 per pupil.

Project teaches skills to needy

A SPOKESMAN for the Zakat House said that 100 families receiving aid will soon be able to support themselves.

He added that the production-oriented project undertaken by the House is considered a pioneering enterprise aimed at fulfilling the teachings of Islam and the directives of the Prophet (PBUH).

The project trains able members of needy families and provides monthly monetary

incentives and transportation to enable them to support their families, the spokesman said.

Fifteen women were trained last year in sewing, dressmaking, embroidery and other arts. Forty-eight women are now being trained in similar fields.

The House will purchase sewing machines for trainees and market their products until the women become self-sufficient and repay the cost of the machines, the source said.



Work of trainees on display.

Child welfare should be top priority, official says

KUWAIT, Oct 3. (KUNA): A Kuwaiti childcare official today urged Arab policy-makers to treat childhood development as a top priority and to tailor programmes accordingly.

The call was made by head of the Kuwaiti Society for the Advancement of Childhood, Dr Hassan Ali Al Ibrahim, who was addressing a ceremony marking Arab Child Day. He said the event reflected a growing awareness of the need for greater attention to children in the Arab world.

Al Ibrahim cited the dangers menacing Arab children and he

said he deplores the fact that 3,500 children die daily in the Arab world from curable diseases.

One-fifth of the young victims could be immunised against such ailments through proper vaccination, he said.

Al Ibrahim, a former education minister, said some 8 million Arab children are deprived of minimal education.

Children under 14 years of age account for around 45 percent of the Arab population, Al Ibrahim said. Serious efforts should be made to develop this sizeable portion of the nation, he said.

Pension funds to be returned

RIYADH, Oct 3. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia intends to repay foreign workers their contributions to a pension fund which was cancelled last year, expatriates said today.

They said that they received application forms from the General Organisation for Social Insurance to claim back the contributions, estimated to total

billions of riyals.

The repayments also are expected to be made to expatriates who have left the country.

Foreigners working in the private sector had to pay 5 per cent of their salaries to the pension plan from the mid-1970s to early 1987 when King Fahd cancelled it.



HH the Amir yesterday received the visiting Cypriot Communications and Works Minister Nakos Protopapas (centre).

Shultz will meet with Sheikh Sabah

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3. (KUNA): US Secretary of State George P. Shultz will meet on Monday with Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and other Arab foreign ministers.

In the evening, Shultz will host a dinner in honour of the six foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) aboard the yacht "Highlander."

Monday's talks will begin with a breakfast meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Abdel Meguid, followed by talks with Jordanian Foreign Minister Taha Al Masri.

The meeting with Sheikh Sabah is scheduled for 11:30 am local time (15:40 GMT).

In the afternoon, Shultz is scheduled to see Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharah, Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

London firm, three airlines sign agreement

KUWAIT, Oct 3. (KUNA): The three Arab Gulf airlines, Kuwait Airways, Saudi and Gulf Air will sign an agreement on Tuesday in Bahrain with the Heathrow Airport-based Mariot Company to offer supplies and meals prepared under Islamic Sharia.

Aviation Services Limited will share the nine million pounds sterling capital equally between Mariot the three airlines which will each pay one-third, board chairman of Kuwait Airways Corp. Ahmed Al Mishari told KUNA today.

Mishari, who will head for Manama on Monday as head of Kuwait Airways delegation, said a feasibility study revealed that the company will make no less than 10 per cent annual profit in addition to other numerous benefits.

The study also indicated that there are over 20 Arab and Islamic airways operating out of Heathrow Airport in London, spending some 17 million pounds sterling annually on food and other provisions.

Iraqi experts study diversion of waterway

RIYADH, Oct 3. (Reuter): A senior Iraqi official was quoted today as saying Iraq is seriously studying an ambitious scheme to divert the strategic Shatt Al Arab waterway away from its border with Iran down the centre of the waterway.

Iraqi Armed Forces Commander Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani was quoted by the Iranian News Agency IRNA last month as saying the plan was ridiculous.

"We will give more explanations about the issue whenever we feel the matter is more serious," IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, reported him as saying.

The waterway also serves Abadan, Iran's main pre-war oil centre which was destroyed during the eight-year conflict.

Diplomats in Baghdad said last month the plan was economically feasible and could effectively end the dispute over the waterway.

The plan could involve deepening and widening an existing channel, the Shatt Al Basra, which has been inoperable since the Shatt Al Arab to the west.

All countries urged to report AIDS cases

ABU DHABI, Oct 3. (Reuter): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today called for full disclosure by all countries with AIDS cases.

"All countries should come forward and announce the amount of AIDS cases and virus carriers they have as we are living in an area where we don't know how many cases there are," Health Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Rahim Jafaar said.

Protects

He told an international conference on the disease that the UAE screened 675,000 people since 1985 and detected the AIDS virus in 314. The UAE has reported 22 deaths from AIDS.

Some Arab countries have reported no cases of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), which is usually transmitted through sexual contact or contaminated blood.

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Most Arab countries have reported very few cases.

Some countries have said Islam's strict moral code protects Muslim societies from the disease, but a US doctor told the meeting she did not believe they are any less vulnerable to AIDS.

"AIDS depends on individual behaviour, mainly sexual behaviour, and in that sense the whole human family is equally susceptible if the virus becomes present," said June Osborne of the University of Michigan.

Sports and youth council planned

AN AMIRI Decree will be issued soon establishing the Higher Council for Sports and Youth, according to a local daily.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah met with experts in athletics to obtain their views and recommendations on the establishment of the Council.

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ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

He that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils — Roger Bacon, English philosopher (about 1214-1284).

US stumbles again in Lebanese quagmire

By Peter Smerdon

BEIRUT. (Reuters) — The American Stars and Stripes smothers then splinters Lebanon, shattering the country. "From rescue to ruin," reads the caption.

Headlined "The American mistake," the cartoon echoes Iranian anti-American posters deriding Washington's Middle East policy as self-serving, divisive and ineffectual.

For many Muslims and leftists in Lebanon as well as Palestinians, Washington has long been an alien, hostile power seeking to carve out and hold a sphere of interest in the Middle East in the face of Arab nationalism and Islam.

This time, though, the criticism came from a television station run by Lebanon's hardline Christian faction which projects itself as the natural ally of the West and a bulwark against both communism and fundamentalist Islam.

"The Americans burned their fingers with Lebanon's Christians," said one diplomat.

Humbled

American sheltering in their fortress-like embassy know to their cost how a superpower can be humbled by the tactics of the weak, from radical bomb-maker to kidnapper.

A suicide bomber left the US embassy building in ruins in April 1983. In October the same year, US Marines were slaughtered at their Beirut base and in a show of superpower frustration, the US battleship New Jersey shelled the hills above Beirut with its 16-inch guns.

In recent months, US has been trying again in Lebanon — its first major initiative here in five years.

The aim, diplomats say, was straightforward: to ensure the election of a new president without a revival of the communal bloodshed that has torn Lebanon apart in 13 years of civil war.

Beirut was revived as an element in a US drive for Arab-Israeli peace, the release of American hostages held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian militants and the neutralisation of what Washington regards as terrorist outfits based in the country.

To achieve that, a working relationship with Syria was deemed essential. With 25,000 of its troops in the country, the neighbouring state is the main

external influence in Lebanon.

The American initiative began last March, with envoys shuttling between Beirut and Damascus for the first time since Syria in 1983 torpedoed the last US initiative.

The idea was to find a Lebanese presidential candidate acceptable to the major rivals in the Lebanese civil war — someone who could inch his way towards lasting peace.

Today, Lebanon has two rival governments, no president and teeters on the brink of formal partition.

"The situation looks bad," said a Western diplomat. "The Americans, because they couldn't deliver, are now in a weaker position than the Syrians."

With Israel occupying part of south Lebanon, Iranian Revolutionary Guards in the east, Libyan money flowing to Palestinian and Druze factions and Syrian troops in west Beirut and the north, a new round of the fighting that has torn the country for 13 years seems inevitable.

What went wrong with the initiative which has now left Washington searching for a policy to help avert further chaos?

On Aug 18, when the Lebanese parliament failed to reach a quorum for the presidential poll, the US diplomatic initiative moved into high gear.

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy flew to Damascus for 16 hours of talks in which a relatively little known Maronite deputy, Michel Daher, emerged as a compromise candidate.

Diplomats said that in exchange for American support for Daher, Murphy received assurances that Syria would use its influence to free the 10 American kidnap victims.

America's job was to cajole Christian deputies into turning up for the presidential poll and casting their votes for Daher.

But Christian militants, spearheaded by the Lebanese Forces militia, regarded Daher's candidacy as a Syrian-American attempt to impose a president on the country. They successfully blocked the second election attempt.

Instead, on Sept 22, outgoing President Amin Gemayel set up an interim military administration headed by Maronite Christian Army commander Michael Aoun.

Botha's reform policies grind to virtual halt

By Jack Reed

JOHANNESBURG. (UPI) — President Pieter W. Botha celebrated his 10th year in power on Wednesday searching for a foreign policy success to lift his popularity from its lowest ebb among the ruling white minority unhappy with his policy of racial reform.

Botha has allowed his programme to ease racial segregation to grind to a virtual halt, amid increasing concern about the threat of the Conservative party that pledges to revive the basic tenets of apartheid.

A relentless crackdown on black opposition is now in its 27th month; there are no signs that emergency rule which sharply curtailed civil rights is about to be lifted, and a formula for sharing national power with non-whites continues to exclude the black majority.

Failed

With the middle ground narrowing, Botha has failed to appease forces on either side of the white political spectrum, let alone in the black majority, and caused a rift among members of the once close-knit Afrikaner community.

His efforts to satisfy both blacks and whites have instead alienated both camps. Nor has he won acclaim abroad for his limited reforms.

To the businessman, his has been the administration under which sanctions from abroad and economic hard times have become realities; to the sportsman, he has failed to achieve the removal of bans on South Africans competing abroad.

To poor white Afrikaners, Botha's limited reforms have removed one of the founding principles of apartheid by offering greater opportunities for

Production of banned chemical weapons

Darkest chapters of Japan's wartime history

By Irene M. Kunii

TOKYO. (AP) — Japanese researchers are unearthing a wealth of information about some of the darkest chapters of their country's wartime history: their nation's production of banned chemical weapons, and its macabre germ warfare experiments on prisoners of war.

The investigators are being met with official silence, however. School textbooks still ignore the issue.

As international concern mounts over the use of chemical weapons in the Middle East, critics here point out that Japan has yet to fully address its own role in the use of toxic gases until 1945 or acknowledge the grisly experiments conducted by the Kwantung Army's notorious Unit 731 in China.

SECRET

Hisashi Yamamoto, a writer and collector of war documents, has discovered official reports showing the Japanese military planned wide distribution of poison-gas weapons in China, in violation of treaties that Japan had signed.

"These are the most detailed,

official accounts of Japanese military deeds uncovered up until now," said Yamamoto, pointing to pamphlets yellowed with age and stamped "Top secret."

The Japanese government has never denied the existence of the germ warfare unit or use of gas weapons by the Japanese Imperial Army. But officials maintain there is insufficient evidence to determine the extent of Japan's involvement with gas and germ weapons because all documents were destroyed at the end of the war.

Yamamoto, 57, whose rummaging through old book stores finally paid off last year, said his find shows not everyone followed orders to burn their records.

Kuchi Naito, who served as an assistant to Lt. Gen. Shiro Ishii, head of Unit 731, kept his records. After he passed away, relatives unknowingly sold off his books," Yamamoto said in an interview at his suburban home in Fujisawa.

He said the documents state that Unit 731, based in Harbin, Manchuria, had spread out to encompass 26 experimental centres around China by 1940 and was employing over 10,000 people.

They also state that the unit was experimenting with growing disease-producing organisms, preparing vaccines and conducting bacteriological tests on prisoners.

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Nagasaki University's Keiji Tsunieishi, a specialist in the history of science, verified Yamamoto's documents and made the results public at an international conference in San Diego, California, in August.

Results

Though news stories from the San Diego meeting were widely published in Japan, Yamamoto doubts that those and other revelations will bring the government to respond to allegations of wartime excesses.

"It would make Japan look evil," he said. "Moreover, there is always the possibility that research is still continuing today and they (the government) want to keep it confidential."

The government, however,

takes a strong public position against chemical weapons. Japan said it welcomed US President Ronald Reagan's call Sept 26 before the UN General Assembly for a chemical-weapons ban "on a verifiable and global basis."

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After the war, Ishii, the head of the unit, was questioned by US occupation authorities but wasn't prosecuted.

Immunity

Tsunieishi and others maintain that the United States gave immunity to such Japanese researchers in exchange for their data, because the United States had only begun gas and germ warfare research in 1944 and wanted to gain headway in the field.

At a conference on China last month in San Diego, California, Edward Dreia, acting chief of the research division of the US Army Center of Military History, said there was no evidence to prove the United States made any deals with the Japanese in return for data.

"There's a difference between allegations and factual evidence, and we just couldn't find the factual evidence," Dreia said.

On the small island of Okuno

in the inland sea near Hiroshima,

spapers carried news stories reporting research by Yuki Tanaka, a Japanese teaching in Australia, on people who worked in the Okuno island factory.

Outrage

A separate document released by Yamamoto and also reported widely in the Japanese press in September outlined military plans to distribute gas weapons in China during the height of the Japanese military offensive in 1938.

Since 1981 there have been controversies in Japan about whether to include material in school textbooks on how Japan used chemical weapons in the war.

But the Education Ministry, which has final say on content of textbooks, says the evidence isn't conclusive.

Stories

"We produced some 1,200 tons annually during the peak years from 1940-43. ... There were healthy people when I went in, young girls and boys, but we had to work long hours and the level of gas sometimes reached danger levels," Murakami said in a telephone interview from Okuno, some 400 miles (640 kilometres) southwest of Tokyo.

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spapers carried news stories reporting research by Yuki Tanaka, a Japanese teaching in Australia, on people who worked in the Okuno island factory.

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"We have not gathered enough evidence to specify it as a historical event," a ministry spokesman said in September.

After World War I, Japan joined other nations in signing the Treaty of Versailles and a separate protocol in 1925 prohibiting the use of chemical weapons. In 1939 the military erased Okuno island from Japanese maps to keep its chemical-weapons factory a secret.

Quayle gets chance to answer doubters

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON. (Reuters) — This week's vice-presidential debate could force Democrats to abandon their efforts to scare Americans with what they say would be a nightmare — President Quayle.

Charged that Republican presidential candidate George Bush demonstrated abominable judgement in choosing 41-year-old Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his running mate have become a staple of Democratic campaign speeches as polls show many Americans think he is unqualified for the job.

"I think for most people the notion of 'President Quayle' is a very, very troubling notion," Democratic standard-bearer Michael Dukakis said in his Sept 25 debate with Bush.

Quayle, a baby-faced conservative now serving his second term in the Senate, has been the subject of controversy and ridicule almost from the moment he was tapped for the number two spot on his party's ticket.

Influence

He spent his first two weeks on the ticket fighting off charges that he used family influence to avoid Vietnam combat by winning a spot in the home-based National Guard.

He has also been under fire for an admittedly mediocre academic record, a Congressional career that has produced few concrete achievements and his sometimes fumbling efforts to discuss his position on a variety of issues.

But Democratic strategists say Dukakis, who regularly gloats that no one has questioned the qualifications of Democratic vice-presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen, may have backed himself into a corner with his

Effective

Washington hands from both parties rate Bentsen an effective legislator who is better qualified than his rival to move up to the presidency, but there are doubts his stature will come across as a trigger-happy cold warrior.

"What really cut us off at the knees was that he didn't come across as scary. He came across as being one of the unscariest fellows a guy would want to meet," Powell said.

Some campaign insiders think Bentsen, a lanky, silver-haired Texan who looks every one of his 67 years, may come across as a tired old political war horse in contrast to his handsome and vigorous rival.

Crucial

The outcome of the vice-presidential debate could be crucial in what is shaping up as a close election.

Recent opinion polls show Dukakis narrowly trailing Bush in popular votes. A variety of estimates show the Democrat further back in the race for the electoral college votes that actually determine the Nov 8 election outcome.

Democratic strategist Bob Beckel, who managed Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign, says Quayle could help the Democrats close the electoral college gap if he performs poorly in tomorrow night's debate.

"If Bush loses by a half point or so in Ohio, Illinois or places like that Quayle could be the principal reason."

But the Democrats will lose valuable ammunition if Quayle passes muster with voters tomorrow night.

Mulroney's years in power turbulent

period beginning Jan 1.

While free trade and Mulroney's credibility are likely to be major campaign themes, the prime minister will also stress the generally sound performance of the Canadian economy over the last four years.

Whether by good luck or good management, the economy has prospered with unemployment falling to about eight per cent from double digit levels through the creation of more than one million new jobs.

Meanwhile inflation stabilised

at about four per cent per year, the dollar held steady and the country's trade surplus remained high.

The conservatives were also handed a campaign bonus when both the opposition Liberals and left-leaning New Democrats came out against free trade.

Liberals leader John Turner alienated the business community with his promise to tear up the free trade deal, arguing that Canadian sovereignty was threatened by the removal of trade barriers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1539 — Marriage treaty is signed for England's King Henry VIII to wed Anne of Cleves.

1824 — Republic of Mexico is proclaimed.

1833 — Turkey declares war on Russia.

1865 — Napoleon III and Otto Von Bismarck meet at Biarritz, where Napoleon III agrees to Prussian supremacy in Germany and to a united Italy.

1910 — Portugal's King Manuel II flees to England on outbreak of revolution in Lisbon.

1930 — Brazilian revolution, with Getulio Vargas becoming new president.

1945 — French wartime collaborator Pierre Laval is put on trial in Paris as traitor in World War II, and he later is executed.

1957 — Soviet Union puts first spacecraft into orbit around earth, heralding start of space age.

1969 — China announces two nuclear weapons tests, including hydrogen bomb explosion in atmosphere.

1973 — Peace talks begin in Northern Ireland in attempt to end five years of conflict that has taken almost 900 lives.

1977 — India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is released from police custody less than 24 hours after her arrest on charges of political corruption.

1980 — Islamic representatives from 38 nations move to have UN General Assembly call for Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

1986 — Fire breaks out in Soviet nuclear-powered submarine carrying ballistic missiles, and three people are reported dead.

EVENTS

THE prodigy as prodigal — a remarkable movie biography of the 18th-century musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, *Amadeus*, will be shown at the Kuwait Cine Club premises on Wednesday.

Amadeus was the big winner in the 1984 Academy Awards sweepstakes — nominated for 11 and winner of eight, including Best Picture, Best Actor (F. Murray Abraham), Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay.

This lavishly mounted screen version of the Broadway hit about the musical prodigy Mozart was expanded and restructured by playwright Peter Shaffer with the assistance of director Milos Forman.

Forman had seen the 1979 play at its first London preview, let the dramatist know through their mutual agent that he wanted to film it and asked producer Saul Zaentz to see it in

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

Children's Film
OCT 5 (Wed): 6 pm/Oct 6, 10.30 am: British Council, Mansouriya. Children's film *Asterix the Gaul*, 67 minutes, will be shown. Children of all nationalities welcome. Admission free but please reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

MUSIC

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. Tickets available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4-6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

Kuwait Singers
MONDAY/SATURDAY:
7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5584873.

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or 3904817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funaites, 3-505 pm: The Kuwait/Cosm Beaskow: four hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Condin. "Hymns of Eternity," one of Condin's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Rock the Night
SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Montazer — 5740256/7.

THEATRE

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm: Mousetrap Theatre. The Mourchak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballay Purer Kupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

Kuwait Players Opening Ball
OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom. Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

Konkani Drama
OCT 7: IAC, Funaites, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximite"; written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvictor, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

KLT
OCT 6: Thursday, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmadi. Auditions for children to dance in the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

Kuwait Cine Club Diwanlya

Amadeus — the prodigy as prodigal

New York. Initially reluctant, Shaffer was persuaded to adapt the work, and the three of them formed a democratic triumvirate, which voted on major decisions such as casting the leads.

Shaffer restructured the play, enabling lavish and authentic recreations of Mozart's operas. Much of this rewriting was done in Prague where the film — Forman's first in his native Czechoslovakia since he left for the US in 1969 — was shot.

Spectacle

The film *Amadeus* is a sumptuous visual spectacle, magnificently empowered by Mozart's music, that is exactly of the type the Academy loves

— gorgeous, tasteful and driven by high art, with a tearjerking human tragedy in its climax. It focuses on the rivalry between the composers at the court of the Emperor Joseph II of Austria. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a genius beyond belief (seemingly unaware that any such rivalry exists), is otherwise a scatology-minded buffoon with high-pitched giggle and little control of his life; Antonio Salieri is the dignified, supercilious establishment figure whose talent pales beside that of the young prodigy. Salieri is eaten up by his jealousy of Mozart's awesome God-given abilities — compounded by his distaste for the man — and

when he can stand it no longer he dresses up like an avenging angel in black mask and cape and gives Mozart a commission that he knows will kill him.

Power

Finally, Salieri is at Mozart's deathbed, still astounded by his powers of composition but unable to stop himself from draining the last note from him. The shocking moment comes when the dying Mozart speaks of his gratitude and admiration of the man who is killing him, and his fear that Salieri never liked him. These scenes, and those detailing Mozart's rise and fall, his affectionate marriage to Stanzi (Elizabeth Berridge), and the billowing, flamboyant musical set-pieces,

are bookended by the ancient and guilt-ridden Salieri's suicide attempt at the beginning and his ultimate descent into madness at the end. His personal tragedy is that, even in his mania, not an ounce of Wolfe's brilliance lurks within him.

F. Murray Abraham plays Salieri. Born in El Paso of Syrian and Italian parents, Abraham came to *Amadeus* via numerous appearances on Broadway, off-Broadway, in TV and films. He was selected to play Salieri after a year of auditions for dozens of candidates. His crazed, religious, half-court-lackey, half-Mephistophelean, wholly malevolent Salieri justified his Oscar. Tom Hulce's performance as Mozart was deeply affecting.

Among the film's glories are many passages of Mozart's sublime music and Abraham's unforgettable performance as the aging, guilt-ridden Salieri.



Blending East-West music

THE newly formed Fams music group, who dropped out from ACT's country-western musical at the last moment, are gearing for their concert called East Meets West on Thursday at the IAC, Funaites.

The Fams hope to blend Eastern and Western sounds, presenting a potpourri of Indian film and Western pop music.

The group's leading vocalist

Susan Reg has performed at several hotels in Kuwait. The other vocalists are Abraham Chacko, who was last seen in Kuwait Players' musical, Jukebox and Sylvester Fernandez. Other members of the group are Noel Niranjan (drummer); Rohan D'Silva (bass, guitarist) and Claret (organist) and Agnelo (rhythm guitar and vocalist).

Above: The Fams pictured after rehearsals

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus

Ighital Wa Darasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabil Obaid, Hashim Salim, Jaberin

Al Salima

Secret Admirer
Starring: C. Thomas Howell, Preston Kelly

Al Hamra

Wild Geese II
Starring: Scott Glenn, Robert Webber

Drive-In

Al Shawesh Hassan (Arabic)
Starring: Yunis Shalabi, Dalal Abdulaziz

Al Firdous

Saamri 3-D (Hindi)
Starring: Rajan Sippy, Arti Gupta

Fahadeel Open-Air

Atash (Hindi)

Al Fahadeel

Southern Comfort
Al Jaha
Joker

Granada

Uppu (Malayalam)

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Al Jeeb

Daaqi (Bengali)

Ahmadi Drive-In

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By Jeremy Gavron

IN PARTS OF Tsavo. Kenya's most famous national park, the dry, hardened skins of dead elephants lie draped over skeletons like old fishing nets on the wrecks of upturned wooden boats.

Around each carcass, a circle of bare ground marks where the scavengers have fought to eat their fill.

Near some, limbless trees show where vultures, billeted with elephant flesh, have snapped the branches they sat on. When a breeze blows, skin and bones rattle and a musky scent drifts across the bush.

In the past eight years, the number of elephants in Tsavo has fallen from 12,000 to some 5,300. On average, two elephants a day have been killed by the poison arrows of Wakamba tribesmen and the AK-47 automatic weapons of Somali bandits.

Earlier this year, an aerial survey of Tsavo was carried out for the Kenyan Wildlife Department. In one part of the park, Tsavo East, the counters saw more dead elephants — 895 — than live ones — 770.

Poaching

Since 1973, poaching for precious ivory has reduced the population of elephants in Kenya from 130,000 to some 20,000. Africa as a whole may be losing as many as 100,000 elephants a year, or 275 a day.

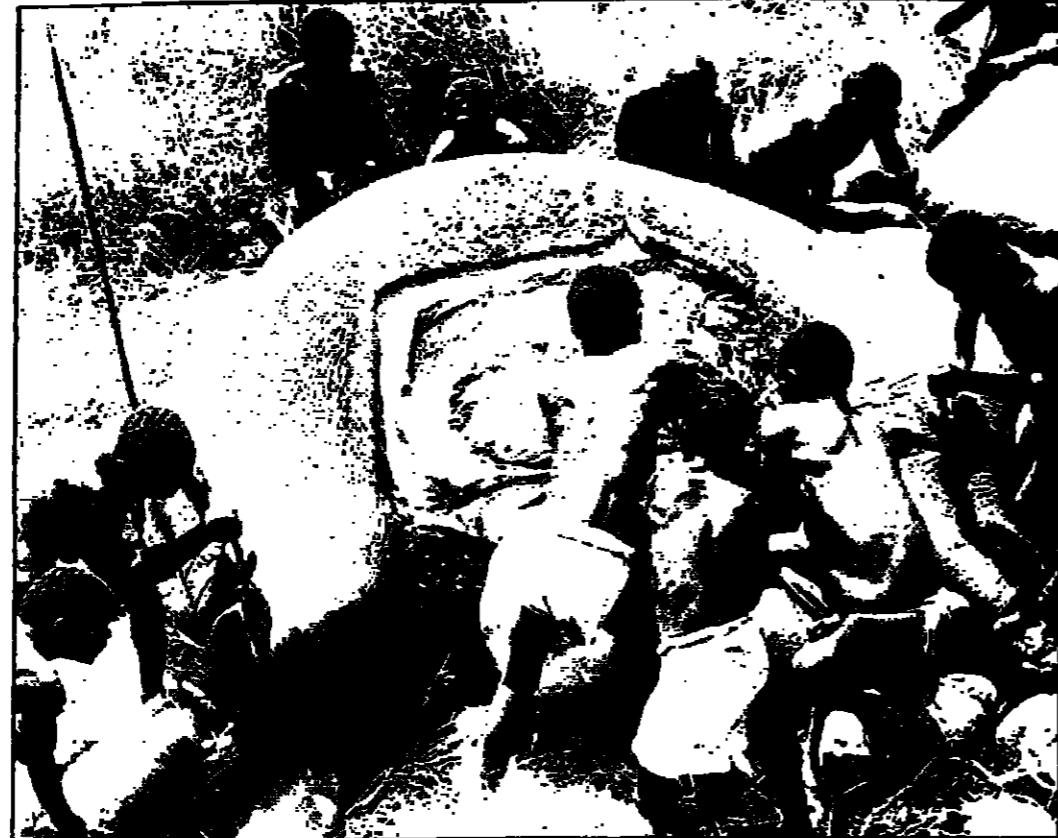
Although nobody knows how many elephants there are in such places as the rain forests of Zaire, the population throughout Africa is probably well under one million — and falling fast.

The worst of the crisis lies north of the Zambezi River. In countries such as Sudan, Chad, Somalia and Mozambique, civil war has devastated the elephants.

In others, like Zambia, Tanzania and Zaire, corruption and economic collapse have achieved the same end. Since 1981, more than half a million elephants have been poached in these countries.

Ivory now sells at almost £100 a kilo, or £1,000 for an average-sized pair of tusks. One dead elephant can support a poacher's family for a year — a hundred can make a government official rich or buy guns to fight a war.

Ivory is one of the main sour-



Dead elephants stripped of their ivory are left to the mercy of vultures.

Nearly 100,000 elephants die in Africa yearly Killing for precious ivory

ces of funds for the Renamo rebels in Mozambique. And in Tanzania, as Dr Esmund Bradley Martin, the World Wide Fund for Nature's expert on the horn and ivory trade, says: "There is a massive illegal ivory trade and people in the government are definitely involved and have been so for a long time."

For years now, conservation groups have been fighting the ivory trade. In the United States, a bill proposing to ban ivory imports is before Congress.

And most countries have now signed an agreement not to import unregistered ivory. But raw ivory can be carved so it cannot be told apart from Victorian piano keys or billiard balls. And fake permits can be found.

Until pool players in Arkansas and businessmen in Tokyo, who use ivory stamps instead of signatures, decide they prefer their elephants alive, then ivory

will find a market.

Conservation groups have had more success in targeting specific ivory routes out of Africa.

For the past few years, Burundi, a small Central African country with barely an elephant left on its own land,

has been exporting more than 150 tonnes of ivory a year. Poached ivory has been smuggled out of Zambia, Tanzania and Zaire and imported into Burundi, where the obliging government made it legal and taxed it, at up to \$25 a kilo.

From Burundi, most of the ivory was flown to the United Arab Emirates for carving.

Last November, after pressure from abroad, Burundi agreed to close down its ivory trade. Conservation groups hope that the UAE may be next.

According to Ian Parker, a Kenyan ivory expert, one of the big Hong Kong ivory trading families is planning to start

carving illegal ivory in Lubumbashi in south-east Zaire.

But the victory in Burundi has certainly cut off the easiest route out of Africa — and for a while, the trade will be on the decline.

Such victories, however, can only win a little time. As long as elephants remain easy targets for poachers, traders will find routes for illegal ivory to reach the world markets.

In 30 years' time, or 20, or even by the turn of the century, only those elephants which have been adequately protected on the ground will still be trudging across the plains and sliding silently through the forests.

Realistically, this means a much smaller population than today. Most of the elephants in Africa still live in areas outside the relatively safe parks, reserves and ranches. Sooner or later, these elephants will fall to the poachers.

Similarly, the elephants in

places like Southern Sudan or Mozambique are doomed. Game parks lose any sanctity in the horrific wars of Africa. "It would be complete waste of money to try to save elephants in those countries where we cannot even save people," says Esmund Bradley Martin.

That leaves, for the 21st century, the parks and reserves. Elephants can, certainly, be protected — along with other animals — in well-financed, well-managed parks. South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe all have stable or growing populations of elephants.

Even in countries with a poaching problem, good parks can still protect the wildlife. In Kenya, though Tsavo has suffered, Amboseli and the Massai Mara have both seen their elephants increase in the past decade, thanks partly to the numbers of tourists, who keep away the poachers.

In Zaire, in Garamba National Park, a scheme funded by the World Wildlife Fund and other groups has almost entirely stopped ivory poaching and kept 19 white rhinos safely for several years.

Model

Ian Parker has developed a rough model for Africa. Of those parks that spend less than \$100 per square kilometre per year, he reckons, only 8 percent keep out the poachers. Once the figure rises above \$200 dollars, more than 80 percent succeed.

The money, Parker argues, pays for better vehicles, guns, training, uniforms, wages. A new car, new uniform and a better wage can turn rangers who help poachers into ones who arrest, or shoot them.

This can work only with good management. Kenya recently made a major commitment to its parks by appointing the widely respected Perez Olindo as director of wildlife.

In an unpublished report, compiled from the Tsavo count, Olindo wrote recently of "motorised poaching" by rangers and "collusion between them and the poachers." Since his appointment, 27 officials have been sacked.

The money is available, even in Africa, to shore up most of the parks and reserves. There are about 200,000 square kilometres of national park in Africa. At \$200 per square kilometre, that would be only \$40 million a year.

By Greg Neale

"COR...Look at that one, Mum!" The holidaying schoolboy was suitably impressed.

That one was a 15-foot Nile crocodile, busily tearing into a slab of meat. "He killed five people before he was caught and brought here," a guide remarked, with just the hint of a smile. The schoolboy was even more impressed. "Cor..."

It was meal time at Mamba Village crocodile farm, an unlikely tourist attraction some miles north of Mombasa, on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast.

The part of the "village" the tourists see may be decked out with palms and thatched roofs, but its other side is a series of concrete pens and outhouses where the accent is on industry.

Crocodile farming is increasingly big business. Crocodile skin fetches high prices on the world's leather markets, and crocodile meat is becoming something of a delicacy in the Far East. Even a London restaurant is now tempting the adventurous with slivers of saurian.

All this commercial interest might be thought to be bad news for the crocodile. In the wild, crocodile numbers fell heavily in the 1950s and '60s as the animals were hunted for their skins. Some species were driven close to extinction, and few people seemed to care.

"Unfortunately, the crocodile has not had a good image," says Chris Huxley, a

Crocodile farming is big business

conservationist, with CITES, the Swiss-based Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. "It is regarded as a nasty beast that eats people."

Crocodile farming has spread widely since its introduction in the late 1950s, and the animals are now cropped commercially in Africa, the Far East and the southern United States.

At Mamba Village, 4,000-5,000 young Nile crocodiles are hatched a year, after a 12-week incubation period. Segregated by age and size, they are culled when they reach some five or six feet in length, usually between three and five years old.

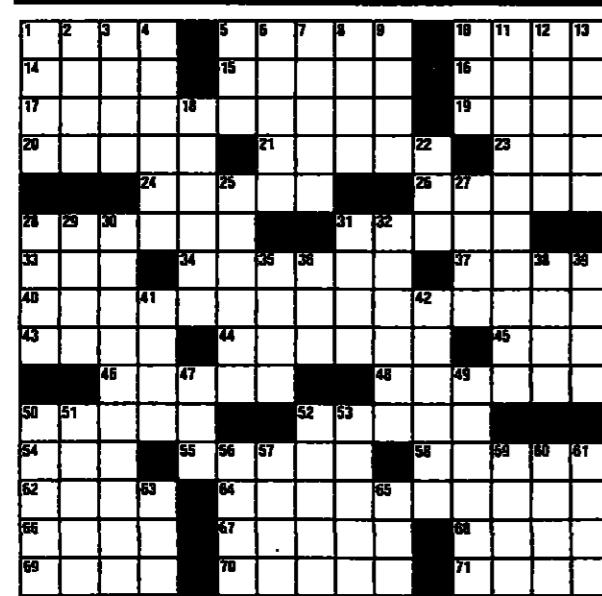
"Our skins go to tanneries in France and Italy. The meat is mostly sold locally, but we are hoping to expand our export orders," the farm's director, Jacob "Kobi" Kagan, told me.

Luckier are the crocs that survive to breed, or entertain the farm's tourists. Given regular meals and no human predators, a healthy croc can live past 60 years.



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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

DON'T TIP YOUR HAND

Neither vulnerable, North deals.

NORTH

♦ 7
♥ 9 5 2
♦ A K J 7 5
♦ A Q 10 2

WEST EAST
♦ A 10 3 2 ♦ J 9 8 6 4
♥ K J 10 8 ♦ 6
♦ 8 6 ♦ Q 10 4 2
♦ 9 7 6 ♦ 8 5 4

SOUTH

♦ K Q 5
♥ A Q 7 4 3
♦ 9 3
♦ K J 3

The bidding:

North East South West
1 ♦ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass
3 ♦ Pass 4 ♦ Dbl
Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♦

Let the cartographers draw the roadmaps. In bridge, you don't want your opponents thanking you for sketching the way to the winning line. Consider this hand, from a team-of-four match.

When North showed heart support over South's fourth-suit forcing bid, it weakened South's hand — his spades holding opposite a likely singleton in the North hand represented duplication of values. West's

double would have qualified him as a charter member of the cartographers association.

West led the ace of spades and shifted to a diamond, won by dummy's king. Since the double marked West for a trump stack, declarer did not draw even one round of trumps. Instead, he cashed the ace-king of clubs and king-queen of spades, discarding two clubs from dummy. Next came the jack of clubs, on which declarer discarded a diamond from dummy when West followed.

To complete the groundwork, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. West overruffed, but he could not return a trump without giving declarer a trick, so he exited with a spade. Declarer ruffed to shorten his trump length to that of West's, then led a low trump to the nine. West was forced to win this trick, but then he had to lead away from his king of trumps into declarer's major tenace. Making four-odd.

How the double gave away the hand was illustrated by the play at the other table, where the play to the first two tricks was the same. Here, however, declarer took the normal line of leading a trump to the ace, returning to dummy and leading another trump. But now he had to lose three trump tricks for down one!

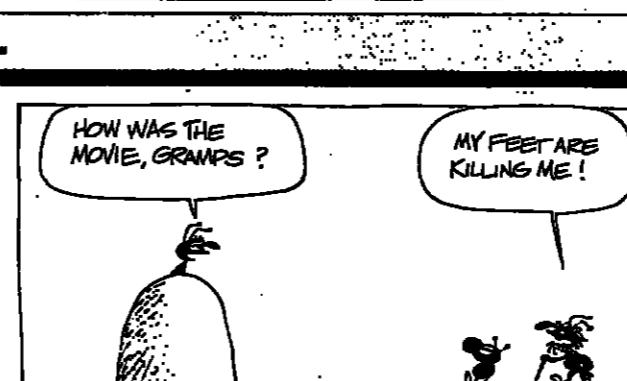
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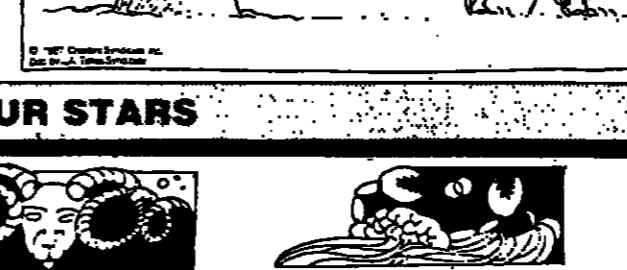
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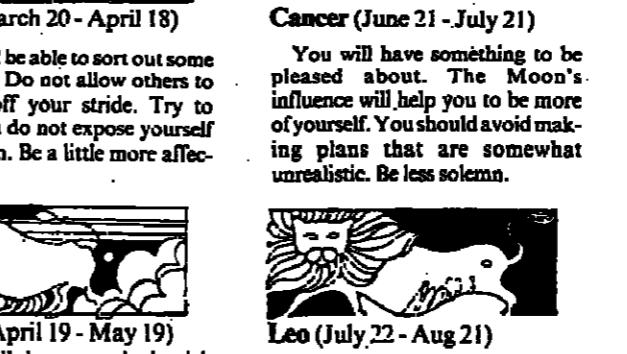
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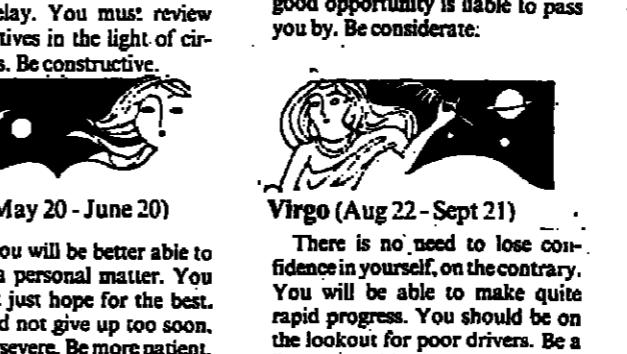
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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will be able to sort out some confusion. Do not allow others to put you off your stride. Try to ensure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be a little more affectionate.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You will have something to be pleased about. The Moon's influence will help you to be more of yourself. You should avoid making plans that are somewhat unrealistic. Be less solemn.



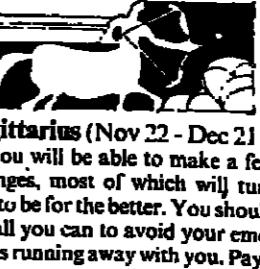
Libra (Sept 22 - Oct. 22)

After a little confusion to begin with things will soon appear in their true light. You should avoid being too self-satisfied. You will have to keep your wit very much about you. Be reliable.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov. 21)

The influences are somewhat mixed and you must be on your guard. You will not be in the best of moods and should try not to get involved in anything controversial.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You will be able to make a few changes, most of which will turn out to be for the better. You should do all you can to avoid your emotions running away with you. Be a little more objective.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

There will be some ups and downs in your mood and you should do your best to compensate and keep on an even keel. You should listen to what others have to say and reserve your judgement.



BUSINESS & FINANCE

Markets nosedived around the globe

The crash of '87: What lessons can investors learn?

NEW YORK, Oct 3. (AP): Many will long remember the stock market crash of Oct 19, 1987, when newspapers wore gloomy headlines, when newscasters' voices betrayed fear.

A half-trillion dollars in paper wealth disappeared in the United States alone. Markets nosedived around the globe, some by as much as 25 per cent.

In some ways, it was like a replay of the 1929 stock market crash that plunged the world into economic hard times. People in the United States felt in the midst of history, of being victims of events not understood. The crash conjured gray images of bankruptcies, breadlines, unemployed and mortgages foreclosed.

Impressions
Those were the first impressions, but they may not be the ones that endure. Because the worst did not happen, the lasting memory may be a delightful sense of relief.

Within a few weeks, fear had lost its cutting edge. Although anxiety still gnawed at confidence. That feeling, too, began to fade before the end of the year, evolving into a mere wariness that economists termed healthy.

The world's 20 major stock markets, for example, were up about 9.5 per cent in late September compared with the end of October 1987, according to an index developed by a research unit of Morgan Stanley and Co.

Jordan enforces foreign exchange rules

AMMAN, Oct 3. (Reuter): Jordan's Central Bank Governor Hussain Qasim said new foreign exchange rules restricting moneychangers' operations took effect on Saturday.

"As of today moneychangers have to respect the Central Bank measures," Qasim told Reuters.

"We will not reverse the rules. We will pursue efforts to ensure that moneychangers have abided by the regulations and check if they have closed all their accounts in banks outside Jordan," he said.

The 75 or so exchange companies had protested against the restrictions announced by the Central Bank in June, and had been given more than three months to comply.

Rules
Exchange merchants surveyed by Reuters said they had obeyed the new rules, but predicted the measures would further weaken the dinar, create a black market and reduce remittances from nearly 350,000 Jordanians working abroad.

"We have respected the rules by closing our accounts outside Jordan," said exchange dealer Ghazi Al Saudi, displaying documents to that effect from several European banks.

Moneychanger Makram Al Alami said: "We have adhered to the rules, but we hope and expect the Central Bank will review them."

The rules, aimed at curbing the outflow of foreign currency and bolstering the dinar, bar moneychangers from accepting deposits, extending loans, making transfers, issuing cheques abroad, opening accounts overseas and speculating in international equity, metals or commodity markets.

They may now have foreign currency accounts only at local banks. Unlike the banks, they need not abide by exchange rates posted daily by the Central Bank.

Qasim reiterated that he had told central banks in Arab countries and around the world that accounts held or opened by Jordanian moneychangers abroad were illegal.

Plan to launch new drilling programme

ABU DHABI, Oct 3. (OPECNA): The Atlantic Richfield Dubai Oil Company (ARCO Dubai) plans to launch a drilling programme in a new structure in its 600 sq. km. concession in the Dubai emirate, it was announced here today.

ARCO Dubai resident manager Gordon Galloway said that the area was located not far from the Margham field which was brought on stream by his company in the early 1980s.

According to Galloway, the field could become operational by the end of the year.

He said the programme would mark the beginning of a major development in oil drilling which could be emulated in other parts of the country.

restoring calm and liquidity.

And because most people were not direct owners of stocks in the first place, they were able to avoid the brunt of the crash's punishment.

The memories that remain, therefore, are those of a near miss, a lesson learned, a feeling of gratitude, a determination to fix up the things that were wrong, such as the budget and trade deficits.

It was, some said, a shot across the bow, a warning that helped the world avert a disaster. Before the end of the year, the great stock market collapse was even hailed as a saviour. It was even a worse disaster, some said.

In fact, as the year ended, Fortune magazine editors asked:

"Who would have predicted it on Oct 20th? The crash has not only failed to make a recession more likely before mid-1988; it has made one less likely."

Evidence

When the crash occurred, a feeling existed that the economy was overheating and headed for inflation and higher interest rates, to be followed by a deep recession. The crash slowed things. Incredibly, it took the pressure off.

Very little evidence of the great crash has shown up in the economic statistics since then. Confidence has remained high. Business continues to spend for capital improvements. Economic indicators show expansion

sion continuing.

But there were effects, important ones with potentially far-reaching consequences:

— In the market itself, the collapse routed the madness that had pushed prices beyond reason. A year ago, stock prices got so high in relation to earnings per share that an investor would have been foolish not to buy bonds instead. The crash, in effect, put stocks on sale by slashing prices.

Decline

A year after the collapse, stock prices were about 12 times one year's earnings, a decline of 40 per cent.

The market was healthier — no question. Trading activity had quieted. Impossible expectations had diminished. The touts and hucksters were being scorned. People no longer believed prices could soar to the heavens.

— Regulatory officials, both in government and the industry, seem more aware of the dangers inherent in the mechanics of the marketplace — that is, in the ability of markets, brokers and technology to handle heavy volume.

Various study committees have pointed to dangers in the activities of programme traders, arbitragers, insiders and other active, short-term participants with sufficient financial clout to accelerate price changes.

Critics continue to say, however, that there has been

more study than action. More talk about new rules than changes in the rules.

— The securities collapse was global. Not only are marketplaces interlinked electronically, but economies are interdependent. As a consequence, monetary, fiscal and trade policies of trading nations affect each other infinitely.

While international cooperation since the crash has been volatile at times, with arguments raging about trade restrictions, interest rate levels, credit conditions, fiscal policies and the like. There has been some improvement.

are less cocky about continued economic expansion, but it is difficult to prove. While almost certainly they are more risk-conscious, almost every survey shows them optimistic.

While hardly a day goes by without people being reminded that another shoe could fall somewhere in the economy — that there is a crash impact yet to be felt — the chief worries today relate to the basic economic cycle.

Expansion

Now completing its sixth year, the economic expansion would seem to be in old age. For that reason alone, forecasters find it convenient to consider recession a possibility — but they are forever postponing it.

The stock market itself gives little indication, but it is still watched closely. True, a feeling exists that the big crash of 1987 seems to have been confined primarily within the securities industry itself.

But economy watchers realise that no sector of domestic activity is isolated from the rest, any more than US European or Asian economies are immune from each other's specific problems.

Stock markets still are viewed as long-term economic indicators, and, in spite of the mysteries it hides, none remains more scrutinised for clues than the US marketplace.

Stock prices recovering some of the huge losses

Wall Street still retrenching and recuperating

NEW YORK, Oct 3. (AP): Nearly a year after the crash of 1987, Wall Street is still retrenching and recuperating.

The growth that doubled the number of jobs in the US securities industry from 1979 to mid-1987 has given way to layoffs, mergers and cost-cutting.

Stock prices have staged a modest rally this year, recovering some of the huge losses they suffered in the slide that culminated in a record 22.6 per cent drop for the Dow Jones industrial average on Oct 19, or Black Monday, as the day of the crash came to be known.

Activity

But the mood and tempo of the marketplace still bear little resemblance to the bull market that prevailed for five years before the collapse.

In a business that thrives on activity — buying and selling that generates commissions and profits — volume has lagged all year. Even short-term devices like stock-index arbitrage and manoeuvres to capture dividends have lately died down.

Plans

The New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange have come up with plans for "circuit breakers" designed to prevent breakdowns in runaway markets.

But many observers see measures like these as single pieces in a larger puzzle still unsolved by the financial community.

At Merrill Lynch, Schreyer said only 25 per cent of customers' money was in stocks

"The No. 1 issue is to restore investor confidence," said William Schreyer, chairman of Merrill Lynch and Co.

The crash clearly left a lasting imprint on individual investors — the so-called retail customers who were already a diminishing breed.

An opinion research corp. survey conducted for the NASD in May and June found that 39 percent of the respondents had grown more conservative in their investment strategies.

Force

More than 60 per cent described the stock market as riskier for individual investors than it was a year earlier.

In the first quarter of 1988, according to the Securities Industry Association (SIA), Wall Street's main trade group, retail commissions fell 27 per cent from the comparable period a year earlier.

But as a group, individual investors hadn't been heavily in the market even before the crash.

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going into the debacle.

Far more important than individuals as a driving force in the stock market are money managers at investing institutions, who handle pension funds and other large pools of assets.

While investing in stocks or bonds may be optional for an individual, professional portfolio managers operate in a different environment. They are paid to put money to work within a relatively limited range of choices.

But since the crash, money managers also have been content to sit with larger-than-usual cash reserves, parked in short-term interest-bearing investments such as treasury bills.

These low-risk securities now offer yields of 7.5 to 8 per cent or more.

By the logic that makes the market work, declines in stock prices end and new bull markets are born when worries are rampant, cash reserves are high and everybody has gotten out of the market even before the crash.

In the meantime, optimists in the financial world tide them-

selves over with the thought, or at least the hope, that most of the damage from the crash has been confined to Wall Street.

Perhaps it was just an extreme manifestation of the market's continuous up-and-down cycle — the end of an era for Wall Street, but not the end of the line for prosperity in the industrialised world.

"It always repeats itself," said William Schreyer, chairman of Merrill Lynch and Co. A market recovery awaits, he contends, and "I think it's going to be sooner rather than later."

"I don't think this malaise is going to last for years."

Not everybody shares that optimism. "The near-term outlook isn't likely to improve substantially until full investor confidence is restored in both the integrity of the marketplace and the strength of the economy," Edward O'Brien, president of the SIA, said in a generally bleak crash anniversary appraisal.

He added that in the regulatory arena, few steps have been taken to curtail some of the practices and problems that occurred a year ago.

\$10m Finnish loan for UN

HELSINKI, Finland, Oct 3. (AP): Finland has announced it will extend a \$10-million loan for peacekeeping operations following the awarding of the 1988 Nobel peace prize to the United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Foreign Minister Kalevi Sorsa, attending the UN General Assembly in New York, told Finnish reporters the interest-free loan was subject to "similar financial support from the other Nordic countries."

Sorsa was quoted in weekend editions of the independent Helsingin Sanomat as saying the loan could be available for peacekeeping duties in Namibia as early as next month if a settlement over Southwest Africa is concluded.

Finland, which has been involved in UN peacekeeping activities since 1956, is currently the only country with soldiers in all the seven peace forces. It has 1,003 men serving under the UN flag, second only to Canada.

The United Nations already owes Finland 100 million marks (\$22.5 million) for its peacekeeping duties.

World Business Summary

India to resume shipping services to Iraq and Iran

NEW DELHI, Oct 3. (KUNA): Indian shipping service to Iraq and Iran will be resumed soon. The Indian Surface Transport Ministry has already approved restarting the service and asked the Shipping Corporation of India to take necessary steps in this regard. The Gulf route was virtually closed for almost all companies because of attacks on ships of various nations by the warring countries. The shipping service to the Gulf was suspended in 1984 after the Gulf war intensified. Several Indian ships were damaged and 30 sailors were killed in Iranian missile attacks. The Indian government paid about \$15 million annually to foreign shipping firms who brought crude oil and other products to India from the Gulf. The crude was lifted from the ports of Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. The government hired various foreign vessels to bring petroleum products here because Indian ships would not visit Gulf ports, primarily because of the boycott by the seamen's union. The seamen have now agreed to travel to the Gulf because of the end of the eight year war. India imports a large amount of crude and petroleum products from the Gulf countries, according to official reports. Apart from saving freight charges, the shipping industry expects better business once the reconstruction process in the war-torn nations begins. Reconstruction work is likely to start in six months. Basra in Iraq and Bandar Abbas Abd Bandar Khomenei were badly damaged in the war. The oil terminals of Kharq and Larak Islands were also hit.

IFAD to hold meeting on UN environmental report

ROME, Oct 3. (OPECNA): Environmental experts will meet here next month to discuss how the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) can implement the recommendations of a 1987 report by the United Nations commission on environment and development. The three-day IFAD-organised consultative meeting, opening on November 11, will be attended by about 80 experts from developing and industrialised countries and international organisations. According to an IFAD spokesman, the meeting, which will be exploratory in nature with no binding decisions, is aimed at generating new ideas and clarifying a number of points in the UN report. The meeting will also discuss environmental issues that directly affect the lives of small and marginal farmers, herders, fishermen and rural women in developing countries which are the target groups of IFAD's assistance. Also to be examined are ways of increasing the participation of the rural poor in those countries in the planning and implementation of projects aimed at rehabilitating environmental conditions. Another point to be discussed will be ways of estimating economic and social costs and benefits of environmental protection measures and the improvement of institutions handling environmental affairs in developing countries. Since IFAD launched its assistance programmes to improve the living standards of the rural poor in 1977, it has gained experience on how to deal with the most common environmental problems associated with agricultural projects in Asia, Africa and Latin America, according to the UN agency.

Africans hope new coffee pact will steady prices

NAIROBI, Oct 3. (Reuter): African coffee farmers and exporters hope that new international export quotas will stop a lengthy slide in prices on the London and New York markets. But they said the quotas allotted the world's poorest continent remain far below Africa's production. East Africa generally came out ahead in the division of a new worldwide International Coffee Organisation (ICO) export ceiling of 56 million 60-kg bags a year. Kenya and Uganda quotas rose, while quotas for Ivory Coast and Cameroun were cut. "That's good news," said E.B. Kakwano, general manager of the state-owned Uganda Coffee Marketing Board of his country's 200,000-bag-a-year increase to 2,314,000 bags. "But what we are getting is not even half of what we produce," he added. For African countries, many of them desperate to earn foreign exchange to pay for urgently needed imports, the choice between boosting production and withholding supplies to prop up prices is an especially bitter one. "Western African producers will likely be happy with the agreement which should stabilise prices," said a trader in Abidjan. "Ivory Coast produces too much coffee and has trouble selling it," he said. The quota for Ivory Coast, Africa's biggest producer, was cut to 3,622,000 bags from 3,980,000 bags. Kenya, which won a quota increase to 1,334,000 from 1,280,000 bags, benefited by the ICO decision to allot a larger share of the market for the so-called milds or arabica beans in which its growers specialise. "We have very good coffee which we cannot sell and the problem is going to get worse with a very good crop coming in," said one Nairobi exporter, complaining that quotas keep him from shipping all the coffee that he could. "I don't think the new quota will solve our problems," he added.

NIC, Swedish firm agree to set up newsprint project

RIVADH, Oct 3. (KUNA): The Saudi Industrialisation Company (NIC) has signed an agreement with a Swedish firm for preparing a feasibility study for a project for the production of newspapers and magazines prints. The Swedish Trade Council will pay 50 per cent of the costs of the study, NIC managing director and chairman Mahsoon Jalal said. The agreement was signed during the visit of Industry and Electricity Minister Abdulaziz Al Zamil to Sweden. The study will probe the availability of raw materials necessary for this industry including the pulp, which will be imported during the first years, Jalal said.

GCC demand for newsprint is estimated at 40,000 tonnes while the annual demand for Iraq, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen and Pakistan is around 170,000 tonnes. Jalal said there is no industrial project for the production of newsprint in any of these countries while the kingdom has a number of advantages which assure the success of this project from an economic point of view in addition to the kingdom's ideal geographical location and low cost of energy. The Industry and Electricity Ministry earlier granted NIC an initial industrial licence for the establishment of the project whose capital investment is estimated at more than SR1 billion and a production capacity of between 150,000 to 180,000 tonnes annually.

Nigerian geophysicists urged to discover more minerals

LAGOS, Oct 3. (OPECNA): The Nigerian Minister of Petroleum Resources, Alhaji Riwayat Lukman, has urged Nigerian geophysicists to discover more minerals for the country. In a message to the first national conference of the Nigerian Association of Geophysicists in exploration and research, Lukman said the discovery of more minerals could halt and reverse the country's economic downturn. He said since minerals played a prominent role in national development, "only by continuously adding to the nation's mineral inventory can we attain optimum economic growth." The minister said there was need for developing countries to promote the development of the non-metallic sector, since

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

International Bond Highlights

London—British Telecommunications Finance BV is issuing a 250 mln dlr Eurobond due Nov 16, 1998 paying 9-3/8 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager IBJ International Ltd said. (RTZ1456)
 London—General Electric Co is issuing a 150 mln Eurobond due Dec 27, 1992, paying 7-5/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2 pct, lead manager Bankers Trust International said. (RTY1425)
 Geneva—Fai Financial Services Ltd, a subsidiary of Australia's Fai Insurances Ltd, is issuing a 180 mln Swiss franc bond with an indicated 5-1/4 pct coupon and indicated price of 99 pct, lead manager S.G. Warburg Soditic SA said. (RTUZ0840)
 Zurich—Interdiscount Holding AG said it plans a 60 mln Swiss franc convertible bond with a maturity of four years and eight months and an indicated coupon of one pct. (RTX1223)
 London—ECU trading in bond and currency markets has levelled off after years of rapid expansion, but economists and dealers see a bright future for the European Currency Unit. (Economic Spotlight, ECSO-Y)

Interest Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	12-1/8 11-7/8	11-7/8 3/4	12 11-7/8
FET	3.75/4.25	5.00/10	4.95/5.05
PAR	7-5/16 7/16	7-9/16 11/16	7-11/16 13/16
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	2-7/8 3-1/8	3-1/2 3-3/4
BXR	3.80	7-1/8 3/16	7-1/4 3/8
RON	10-1/4 10-3/4	10-5/8 10-7/8	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS	5.56/69	5.43/53	5.58/68
TOK	4.1250 1875	4.4375 5000	4.2500 3125
ECU	7.37 7.62	7.37 7.50	7.56 7.68

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Oct 3. (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-7/8	7-1/4
3 months	6-3/4	7-1/16
6 months	6-5/8	7-1/16
1 year	6-5/8	7

MEMPHIS

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	76	76	76	NICO	640	--		
ACC	270	268	266	GRASIN	52	52	53.50	MUKAND	103	105	110
ASIA PAINT	187	197.50	195	GSPC	108	109.50	111	NOCL	680	690	730
BAJAJ AUTO	325.50	341.25	343.75	HIND LEVER	164	163	170	OKAY	37.50	40	42
BAR.RAYON	310	325	325	HINDALCO	110.50	112	113	PEICO	35.50	34	35
BOM.DYING	130.50	134	137	HINDCOCA	107.50	110	113.75	P.F.EURO	41.50	48	47.50
BR. BOND	105	--	--	HINDMOTOR	27	27	27.50	RAYMOND	52	57	58
BSE INDEX	646.82	662.71	670	IND ORG	37.50	42	41	RELIANCE	197	194	194
COLGATE	283.50	287.50	292.50	INDROL	241.25	247.50	246.25	SPIC	48	52	54.50
DEEPAKERT	47.50	50	49.50	ITC	53	54	55	STIMMERS	312	340	350
EL.HOTEL	55	54	55	JSYNTH	81	85	84.50	TATA PUR	240	240	270
ESKAYEF	142.50	145	147.50	L AND T	126	134	136	TATACHEM	88.50	101	99
ESSAR	22	22	23	NAHINDRA	86.50	87	87	TELCO	737.50	745	745
GAR. POLY	88	92	94	MATHERSH	11	11.50	12.12	TISCO	936.25	945	940
GE.SHIP	32.50	32.50	33.50	MATHER PL	60	68	73.75	VOLTAS	405	400	410

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TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	MITSUB CP	1100	1120
AEG	186.5	197.2	AKIJINOMOTO	2780	2880	MITSUB EST
ALLIANT VR	1686.0	1689.0	AKAI ELEC	570	565	MITSUB HVY
BADENWERK	177.0	176.2	ASAHI GLS	944	940	MITSUI CO
BAASF	272.0	274.5	ASAHI OPT	626	626	MITSUKOSHI
BAFER	300.5	304.0	BANKE TOKYO	1530	1540	NICHICON
BAFER HYP	361.5	362.0	BRIDGESTON	1240	1240	NIHON CHART
BAYER VER	358.5	359.0	CANON	1380	1420	NIKKO SEC
BBC	314.9	315.0	CASIO COMP	1380	1400	NIP ELEC
BHF	429.0	432.0	CHUGAI PHM	1540	1550	NIP KKOKAN
BHU	504.2	511.0	CITIZEN W	839	831	NIP OIL
COMMERZBK	242.0	243.5	D-ICHI KAN	2930	2900	NIP STEEL
CONTI GINN	254.2	257.0	DAT NIP IK	858	850	NIP YUSEN
DATNER BEN	692.0	706.0	DAT NIP PT	2710	2700	NIS MOTOR
DEUTSC BKW	516.2	520.5	DAT NIP SC	950	970	NOHARA SEC
DLY	0	378.0	DAI NIP TO	633	633	OBDA CO.
DRESDNER B	290.0	291.6	DAICEL	808	816	OLYMPUS
DT.BECKOC	171.0	170.0	DAI NIPEN	1969	1969	PENTAX
FAZ.SINGER	513.92	516.04	DAIKIN	22190	2209	PEPSICO
FELDMEYER	255.50	258.22	DAIMLER	860	860	PEPSICO
GOLD SCHNID	290.5	294.5	DAIMLER SEC	1969	1969	PEPSICO
HARPER	428.0	417.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
HOECHST AG	295.0	298.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
HOESCH	156.0	158.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
HORTEN	211.0	214.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
HUSSEL HLD	446.0	443.2	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
KALI SALZ	161.2	162.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
KARSTADT	445.5	442.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
KAUFHOF	392.0	390.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
KLOECK H	132.5	133.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
KLOECK M	107.2	110.4	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
LINDE	695.5	691.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
LUFTFRANSA	150.0	149.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
MAN	205.0	208.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
MANNESMAN	170.1	172.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
MERCDES	569.0	575.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
METALLGES	294.0	301.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
NUKORF PF	412.0	423.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
NORK HYD	29.50	29.50	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
PHILIP KDN	624.0	623.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
POSSCHE	566.0	564.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
PREUSSAG	179.0	182.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
PWA	234.0	235.2	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
RHEINMETAL	306.0	303.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
RHE	250.0	229.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
RHE P	212.0	212.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
SLAMANDER	275.0	273.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
SCHERING	537.0	535.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
SEL	262.0	282.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
SIEMENS	470.0	472.7	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
THYSSEN	159.8	161.5	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
VARTA	289.5	292.0	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
VERA	264.2	265.2	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
VEN	161.0	159.4	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO
VOLKSMAGEN	269.5	272.3	DAIMLER SEC	22190	2209	PEPSICO

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Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN DULL, THIN TRADE
 TOKYO, OCT 3, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ENDED THE DAY LOWER AFTER SPILLING DOWNWARD FROM AN INITIAL SMALL RISE IN VERY THIN, DULL TRADE, BROKERS SAID.
 THEY SAID THERE WERE NO INCENTIVES TO LURE BUYERS.
 "IT'S A QUIET MARKET SUFFERING FROM THE MONDAY DOLDRUMS," SAID TETSUYA FUJIMI, HEAD OF EQUITIES AT SHEARSON LEHMAN HUTTON ASIA INC.

Commonwealth secretary-general chairs meeting

Ramphal calls for stronger South-South ties

VIENNA, Oct 3, (OPECNA): Commonwealth Secretary-General Sonny Ramphal has called for stronger South-South co-operation, recommending regional co-operation and reduction in inter-regional trade barriers.

He was speaking at a panel discussion on the last day of a three-day symposium on North-South issues organised by the Vienna Institute for Development and Co-operation.

Ramphal, who chaired the panel, said that the social, economic and political crises in the South and their inter-relationship with the North had created a "new rationale" for strengthening South-South co-operation.

On environment and development, Ramphal said effective remedies should be found in mechanisms that raised living

standards through economic progress and reduced population growth, which in turn would reduce pressures leading to over-cropping, overgrazing and reckless urbanisation.

Problems

Dr Ibrahim Shihata of the World Bank, while acknowledging that the problems of the developing countries had worsened, claimed that the World Bank was in a better position today than at any time before to help with the debt issue because of its enhanced capital.

While admitting that the bank's policies were influenced by its shareholders, he maintained that it could still play an effective role in developing countries.

Shihata said the bank could help debtors and creditors reach "realistic" arrangements by ass-

isting in the negotiating process.

He said the reverse flow of resources from South to North was continuing and there was no solution in sight. No significant amount of financial resources appeared to be moving towards developing countries.

In an intervention, OPEC Fund director-general Dr Seyyid Abdulai said debt cancellation alone would not end the problems of developing countries.

Changes

He said while structural changes in developing countries were important, specific measures and remedies were needed to help them take effect. He also called on the South commission headed by former Tanzanian President Dr Julius Nyerere to provide scientific and technological co-operation.

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Peter Jankowitsch, former

Ambassador Layachi Yaker of Algeria, called on the international community to draw a plan of action for the 1990s and beyond.

Yaker said developing countries had fallen victims to the sharp deterioration in the international economic environment of the 1980s. In particular, the steep decline in commodity prices had affected their overall growth rate and public finances in a most adverse way.

Stressing the need for a "new platform of South-South co-operation," he said the next Cancun summit should involve eastern countries as well. It should also focus on the development of human resources in developing nations.

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Austrian minister of foreign affairs and vice-president of the Vienna Institute for Development, stressed the need to stabilise the South so that it could face up to the North.

This would also put an end to the export of East-West conflicts to other parts of the world, enabling the South to influence favourable changes in the policies of the North.

Hope

"Only a collective response from the South can hope to deal with the well-organised strategy of the developing countries," he said.

The three-day seminar, which ended here at the weekend, was sponsored by the Vienna Institute for Development and Co-operation and attended by well-known economists and statesmen.

Gold unlikely to move above \$400

Lower Wall Street drags UK shares down

LONDON, Oct 3, (Reuter): British shares fell sharply to close today at the day's lows after Wall Street took a dive in early trading.

Earlier, equities in Frankfurt and Zurich had ended lower while gold was hardly changed and oil prices remained weak.

The dollar fell in Europe with investors reluctant to take a firm position ahead of Friday's US employment statistics which will give the latest indication of America's economic health.

Wall Street stocks fell across a broad front. Brokers said selling was spurred by disappointment that a rally last Thursday was not maintained.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 24.18 points at midday in New York at 2,088.73.

Gold bullion, a traditional store of wealth in times of uncertainty, fixed at \$396 an ounce in London, after opening at 392.75 and a close on Friday of 394.35.

Dealers said US gold prices pulled the market up, and underlined a conviction among some bullion traders that gold had become oversold following its recent falls. But they said the longer term picture remained bearish, with gold unlikely to move above \$400.

The dollar closed at 1.8613 West German marks and 133.65 Japanese yen in London against 1.8730 and 133.93 on Friday.

The price of Brent blend crude from Britain's North Sea — the most widely traded on spot markets — was around 20 or 30 cents a barrel lower pressured by excess OPEC supply.

Brent traded today as low as \$11.76 a barrel for December loading. Crude prices are at the lowest for more than two years and down around \$1.50 from a week ago.

In London, Enterprise was down 38p to 644 and Lasko off 24p to 564. Dealers said the shares were reacting to weekend press speculation that the auction of Lasko's 25 per cent stake in Enterprise could be sold at a price as low as 500p per share. They thought 600p to 700p was more likely.

Among other oil stocks, BP was down 5p to 237.1/2 to reflect the weaker crude price. Sentiment for BP may be unsettled ahead of an anticipated UK Monopolies Commission ruling on the Kuwait Investment Office's stake of almost 22 per cent.

Motorcomponents and engineering group GKN was down 13p to 309 after the company said it had bought a 22 per cent stake in helicopter maker Westland Group, 5p lower at 105.

GKN bought the holding for £47.8 million in cash from Italian car maker Fiat and UK conglomerate Hanson PLC. Hanson shares, however, retreated with the wider market, dropping 2p to 145.

An agreement with 7.97 per cent shareholder United Technologies of the US gives GKN and United 29.99 per cent of

But dealers said today's

declines on the back of the weaker oil price were possibly overdone and said they thought OPEC would take strong action on production restraints to avert a collapse in the crude oil price.

Stocks

Many oil analysts were sceptical about an article in the Sunday Telegraph newspaper which said Lasko's 25 per cent stake in Enterprise could be sold at a full bid after recent stake-building.

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US proposes free trade for poorest nations

ISLAMABAD, Oct 3, (Reuter): The United States proposed today that industrialised countries should eliminate all trade barriers against the very poorest nations in the world.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Mahbubul Haq said the offer came unexpectedly in the final session of an informal trade ministers meeting in Islamabad.

"For least developed countries and the poorest nations ... all developed countries should be willing to agree that they will totally open their markets to them, no restrictions," he told a news conference.

If ministers agree at major trade talks in Montreal in December, more than 30 of the poorest countries, including Bangladesh, Afghanistan and many African nations, would be given free access for their exports.

There was no immediate confirmation from the US delegation which left Islamabad immediately after the conference.

UAE in good position to help Iran, Iraq rebuild

ABU DHABI, Oct 3, (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates has the potential to help Iran and Iraq rebuild their economies following the end of Gulf hostilities, according to a study released here.

The report by the Emirates Industrial Bank says that UAE is ideally suited to help both countries due to its geographical position.

The study maintains that the post-war situation in the region offers a good opportunity to UAE manufacturing industries.

The construction material industry, both metal and non-metal, which is suffering from excess capacity, should be able to offer some very competitive prices, it notes.

Domestically produced cement would be very competitive, says the study, as it enjoys access to markets in both Iran and Iraq with low transportation costs.

Output quota pact in ruins

Saudi Arabia warned overproducers at price panel

NICOSIA, Oct 3, (Reuter): Key OPEC ministers see an oil price collapse as inevitable unless organisation members violating the group's fixed output levels stop overproducing, the Middle East Economic Survey said today.

And Saudi Arabia warned quota violators within OPEC that unless overproduction stopped, other members would also ignore the quota accord.

MEES said the warning came at a meeting in Madrid last week of OPEC's price panel where the ministers considered the accord "virtually defunct."

The authoritative Nicosia-based oil industry newsletter said in its unsourced report that the five oil ministers forming the group's price monitoring committee, which would mean Iran, Iraq and Kuwait joining the talks.

MEES said Riyadh now felt all 13 member states without exception must be bound by any new OPEC output accord.

MEES said members of the price panel agreed at their September 25-26 meeting "that the present OPEC agreement is in ruins and cannot be patched up

Lowest

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' committee is made up of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Algeria and Indonesia.

Oil prices in world spot markets are at their lowest for the last two years due to a glut largely blamed on overproduction by some OPEC members.

Mideast benchmark crude

by fudged solutions."

"So either a new agreement is reached quickly with the full participation of all concerned — or the descent towards a price collapse will be inevitable," MEES said.

Strategy

The price panel decided in Madrid to convene a joint meeting with another key group, OPEC's long-term strategy committee, which would mean Iran, Iraq and Kuwait joining the talks.

MEES said the joint session "will be make-or-break affair."

It was expected to be held on October 20, four days after a meeting in Riyadh of oil ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which includes OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar, as well as non-OPEC Oman and Bahrain.

OPEC's full ministerial meeting is scheduled for November 21 in Vienna.

MEES summarised the consensus reached in Madrid by the five price panel members as follows:

Unless prompt and effective action is taken by OPEC members to halt the present spiral of competitive overproduction, a price collapse is bound to follow with disastrous economic and

political consequences for the oil producers.

It must be established beyond doubt and without delay that there can be no advantage to be gained from cheating on quotas. Other members will inevitably abandon their commitment to the production agreement and exercise the same freedom as regards volumes, and prices will suffer accordingly.

The current production agreement is virtually defunct, and the only way out is the conclusion of a credible new accord signed and implemented by all member states without exception. It said it would have to include Iraq, which has so far stayed outside the OPEC quota system.

Agreement within OPEC alone will not be sufficient to ensure market stability. Any OPEC agreement must be complemented by a solid and verifiable understanding on production restraint with the non-OPEC exporters.

The OPEC countries passed through the ordeal of a price war — mercifully brief — in 1986. Now they are looking into the abyss again and do not like what they see. Whether they can muster the collective strength to draw back remains to be seen," MEES concluded.

US construction spending drops

WASHINGTON, Oct 3, (AP): Construction spending fell 0.6 per cent in August as declines in highway, factory and shopping centre construction offset gains in housing, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said building activity declined to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$396.1 billion in August, following a revised 0.7 per cent gain in July. The July figure had been

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Dear Junior Readers,

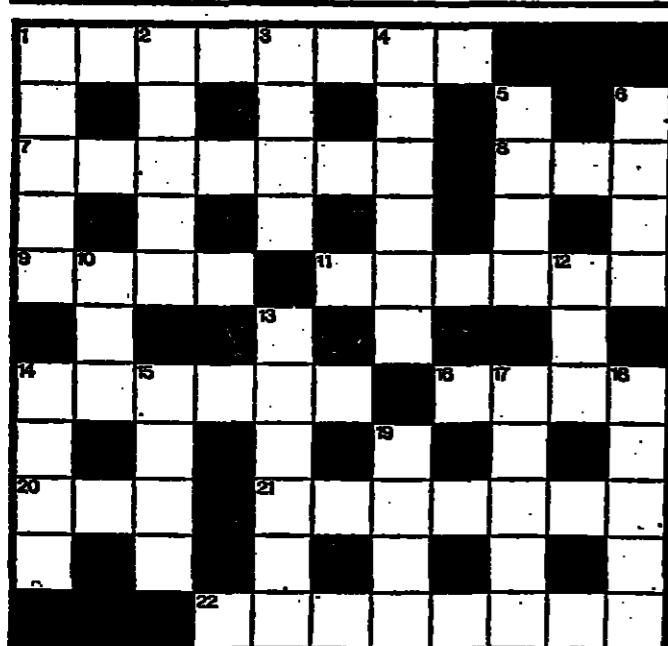
After my letter to you last Tuesday talking about how we are destroying our world, I would like to say that, although the picture is generally pretty depressing, there are countries which are trying to do something to help our environment, and one of those countries is Kuwait.

The government wants to make the country 'green' by planting trees, hedges and flowers. Doing this will of course make the country more beautiful, but it will do more than just that. Plants help to clean the air because they take in a lot of the gases which are bad for us and they also attract wildlife, like birds, butterflies and insects, which use the trees, bushes and flowers to shelter in and get food from.

Deserts are uncomfortable places where life is very hard. Kuwait knows this very well and is working hard to change the situation. But some countries, which have been blessed with thousands of trees, plants and flowers, are doing just the opposite and making deserts by destroying all the plant life! Let's hope they understand soon how foolish their actions are.

Auntie Joyne

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The number of letters in the answer is shown in brackets.

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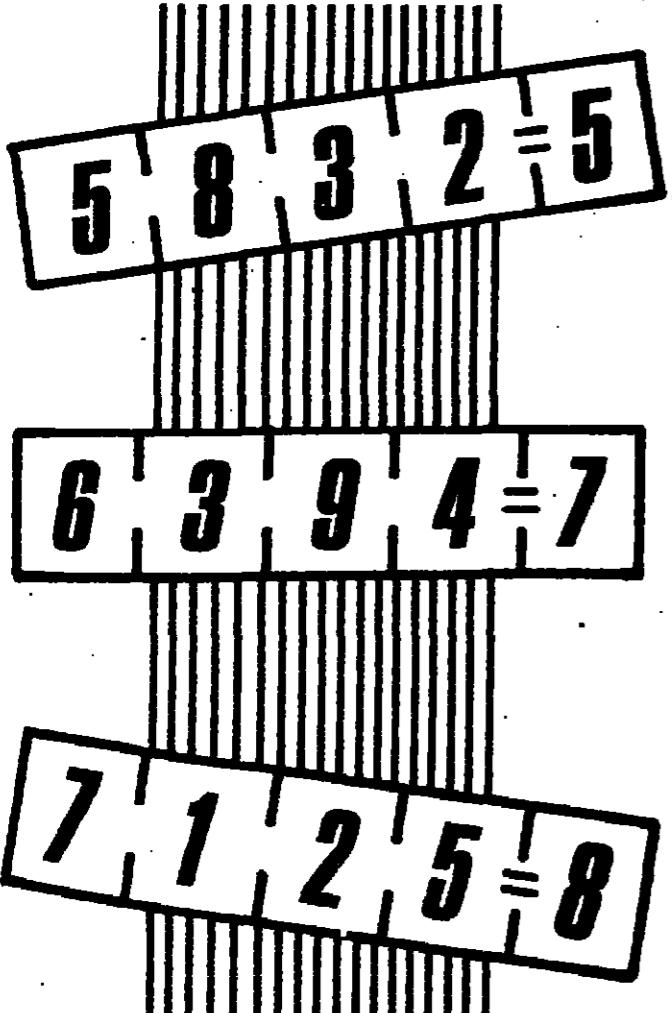
- He may be a collie (5-3)
- Vessel that helps liners to berth (3-4)
- Mineral in its natural state (3)
- Condition that requires relief (4)
- Tree-lined approach to a house (6)
- An item of correspondence (6)
- Cooking utensils (4)
- Part of a circle's circumference (3)
- Bring back to a former state (7)
- Sound of a bugle at daybreak (8)

Down

- Closely woven silk (5)
- Bird of prey with a hooked bill (5)
- Basic story of a novel (4)
- Range of eight musical notes (6)
- The earth's one natural satellite (4)
- In this place (4)
- Female sheep (3)
- Vase with a rounded body (3)
- Carriage for a coffin (6)
- Kind of year with an extra day (4)
- Sail into the wind in yachting (4)
- Coral island with a central lagoon (5)
- Sub-division of an act of a play (5)
- Small piece of land surrounded by water (4)

Solution on Thursday

ADD THE CORRECT MATHEMATICAL SIGNS



AS I WAS STANDING IN THE STREET

As I was standing in the street,
As quiet as could be,
A great big ugly man came up
And tied his horse to me.

American folk rhyme

By Joan Aiken

MATILDA, you will agree, was most unfortunate child. Not only had she three names each worse than the others — Matilda, Eliza and Agatha — but her father and mother died shortly after she was born, and she was brought up exclusively by her six aunts. These were all energetic women, and so on Monday Matilda was taught Algebra and Arithmetic by her Aunt Aggie, on Tuesday, Biology by her Aunt Beattie, on Wednesday Classics by her Aunt Cissie, on Thursday Dancing and Deportment by her Aunt Dorrie, on Friday Essentials by her Aunt Effie and on Saturday French by her Aunt Flannie. Friday was the most alarming day, as Matilda never knew beforehand what Aunt Effie would decide on as the day's Essentials — sometimes it was cooking, or revolver practice, or washing, or boiler-making ('For you never know what a girl may need nowadays' as Aunt Effie rightly observed).

So that by Sunday, Matilda was often worn out, and thanked her stars that her seventh aunt, Gertie, had left for foreign parts many years before, and never threatened to come back and teach her Geology or Grammar on the only day when she was able to do as she liked.

However, poor Matilda was not entirely free from her Aunt Gertie, for on her seventh birthday, and each one after it, she received a little poem wishing her well, written on pink paper, decorated with silver flowers, and signed 'Gertrude Isabel Jones, to her niece, with much affection.'

And the terrible disadvantage of the poems, pretty though they were, was that the wishes in them invariably came true. For instance the one on her eighth birthday read:

*Now you are eight Matilda dear
May shining gifts your place adorn
And each day through the coming year
Awake you with a rosy morn.*

The shining gifts were all very well — they consisted of a torch, a luminous watch, pins, needles, a steel soapbox, and a useful little silver brooch which said 'Matilda' in case she ever forgot her name — but the rosy morns were a great mistake. As you know, a red sky in the morning is the shepherd's warning, and the fatal result of Aunt Gertie's well-meaning verse was that it rained every day for the entire year.

Another one read:

*Each morning make another friend
Who'll be till light doth end,
Cheery and frolicsome and gay,
To pass the sunny hours away.*

For the rest of her life Matilda was overwhelmed by the number of friends she made in the course of that year — three hundred and sixty-five of them. Every morning she found another of them, anxious to cheer her and frolic with her, and the aunts complained that her lessons were being constantly interrupted. The worst of it was that she did not really like all the friends — some of them were so very cheery and frolicsome, and insisted

All you've ever wanted

ted on pillow-fights when she had a toothache, or sometimes twenty-one of them would get together and make her play hockey, which she hated. She was not even consoled by the fact that all her hours were sunny, because she was so busy in passing them away that she had no time to enjoy them.

However, as she grew older, the poems became less troublesome, and she began to enjoy bluebirds twittering in the garden, and endless vases of roses on her window-sill. Nobody knew where Aunt Gertie lived, and she never put in an address with her birthday greetings. It was therefore impossible to write and thank her for her varied good wishes, or hint that they might have been more carefully worded. But Matilda looked forward to meeting her one day, and thought she must be a most interesting person.

When Matilda was nineteen she took a job in the Ministry of Alarm and Despondency, a very cheerful place, where instead of typewriter ribbon, they used red tape, and there was a large laundry basket near the main entrance labelled 'The Usual Channels' where all the letters were put which people did not want to answer themselves. Once every three months the letters were re-sorted and dealt out afresh to different people.

Matilda got on very well here and was perfectly happy. She went to see her six aunts on Sundays, and had almost forgotten the seventh by the time that her twentieth birthday had

arrived. Her aunt, however, had not forgotten.

On the morning of her birthday Matilda woke very late, and had to rush off to work cramming her letters unopened into her pocket, to be read later in the morning. She had no time to read them until ten minutes to eleven, but that, she told herself, was as it should be, since, as she had been born at eleven in the morning, her birthday did not really begin till then.

Most of the letters were from her 365 friends, but the usual pink and silver envelope was there, and she opened it with the usual feeling of slight uncertainty.

*May all your leisure hours be blest,
Your work prove full of interest,
Your life hold many happy hours
And all your way be strewn with flowers.*

She was talking about. And then Matilda flushed scarlet and split some of her coffee on the floor. For all along the respectable brown carpeting of the passage were growing flowers in the most riotous profusions — daisies, campanulas, crocuses, mimosa, foxgloves, tulips and lotuses. In some places the passage looked more like a jungle than anything else. Out of this jungle the little red-faced figure of the Minister fought its way.

'Who did it?' he said. But nobody answered.

Matilda went quietly away from the chattering group and pushed through the vegetation to her room, leaving a trail of buttercups and rhododendrons across the floor to her desk.

'I can't keep this quiet,' she thought desperately. And she was quite right. Mr. Willoughby, who presided over the General Gloom Division, noticed almost immediately that when his secretary came into his room, there was something unusual about her.

'Miss Jones,' he said, 'I don't like to be personal, but have you noticed that wherever you go, you leave a trail of mixed flowers?'

Poor Matilda burst into tears.

'I know. I don't know what to do about it,' she sobbed.

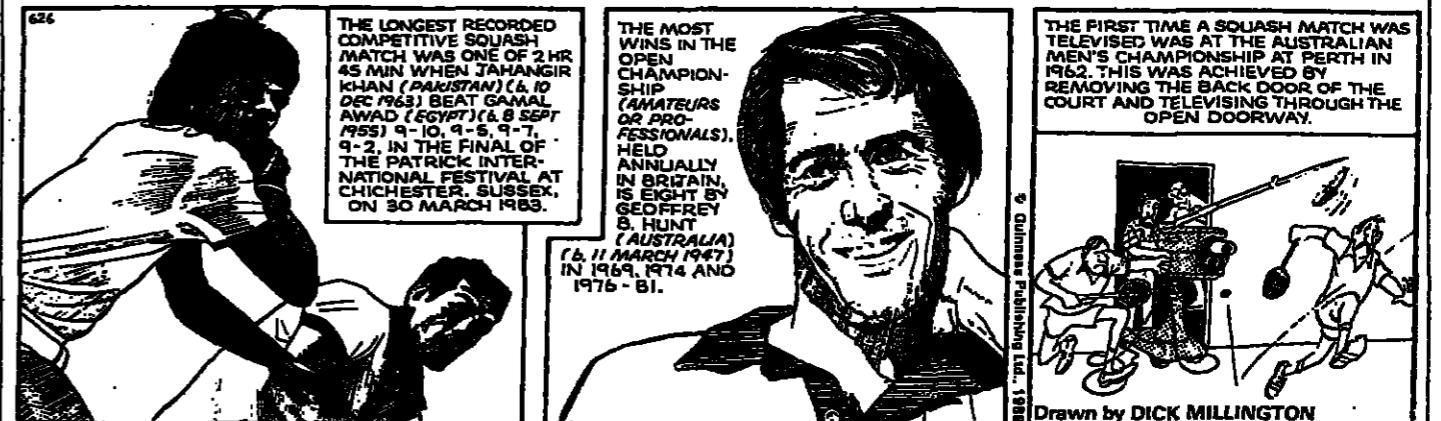
'It's very pretty,' he said. 'But not very practical. Already it's almost impossible to get along the passage, and I shudder to think what this room will be like when these have grown a bit bigger. I really don't think you can go on with it, Miss Jones.'

'You don't think I do it on purpose, do you?' said Matilda sniffing into her handkerchief. 'I can't stop it. They just keep on coming.'

'In that case I am afraid,' replied Mr. Willoughby, 'that you will not be able to keep on coming. We really cannot have the Ministry overgrown in this way. I shall be very sorry to lose you, Miss Jones. You have been most efficient. What caused this unfortunate disability, may I ask?'

To be continued on Thursday

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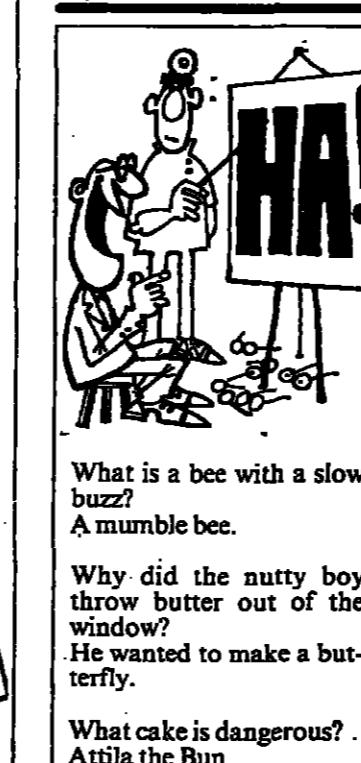


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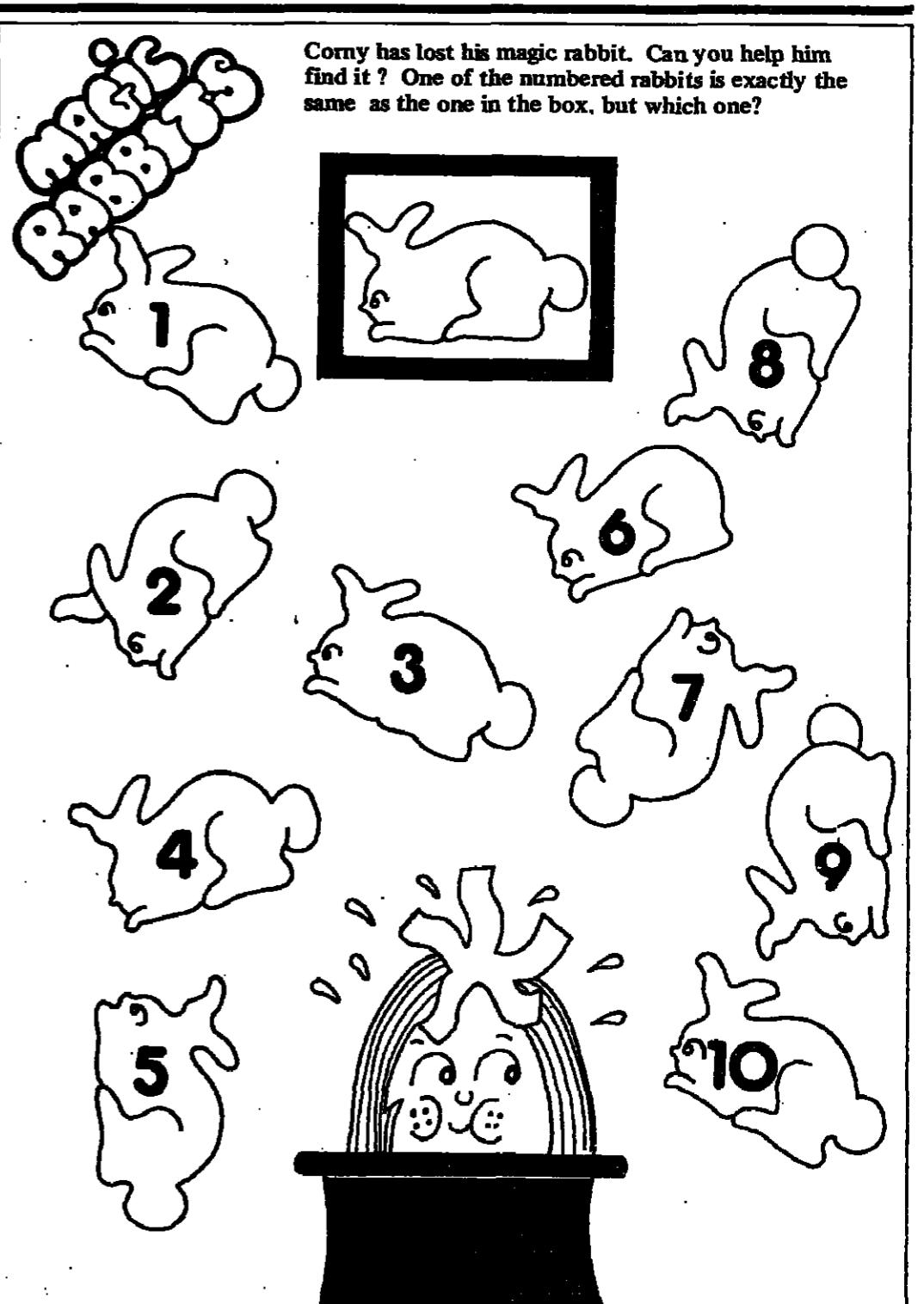
MY BERT JUST UPED AND VANISHED LAST WEEK



What is a bee with a slow buzz?
Aumble bee.

Why did the nutty boy throw butter out of the window?
He wanted to make a butterfly.

What cake is dangerous?
Attila the Bun.

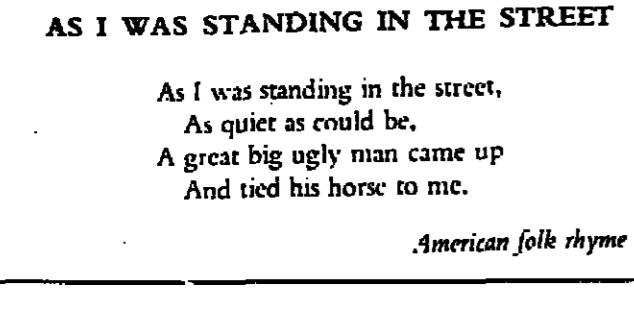


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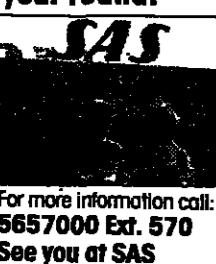
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Lemons and Shamaal sail to victory

KOSA yachts Lemons and Shamaal won their respective classes in the United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) Maritime Day yachtng event on Friday. Lemons was the overall winner.

A good course, involving several sail changes and gybes, tested the yachts in light to moderate wind conditions in a strong flood tide off the Shaab Yacht Club.

At the start, Danai Al Muttahadah (UASC) forced Gambit (G. Barro) to the wrong side of ODM. Gambit had to re-round the mark and never really recovered from this error.

Red Viking (J. Waters) built up a good lead in the first half of the race only to make several handling errors and finished last.

Lemons (G. Couper) sailed to her full potential and achieved what she has been threatening all season — a controlled and well executed performance to deserveably win the first major trophy of the KOSA Winter Series. Shamaal (J. Bell) sailed a good race to win her class.

Possessed

Both Dunat (UASC) and Why Not? (F. Graham) were beaten by narrow margins. Both these yachts could have finished earlier had they possessed reaching spinnakers to give them increased speed on the shy reaches.

Prizes will be presented at the Subiyan Club on Oct. 28. KOSA Week commences on Oct. 13, and promises to be a closely contested regatta if the UASC Maritime Day Race is taken as an indicator. A wide span of races are scheduled for the KOSA Week. For further details on the KOSA Week Tel. 5326145.

HAINES FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Lloyd triumphs in karting opener

SIMON LLOYD (Like Cola) scored a comfortable victory with 38 out of a maximum 40 points in the opening race of the 1988/89 kart racing season at the Ahmadi Kart Track on Friday. Second was David Haines (Halliburton) with 30 points and third Tom Bollig (Halliburton) with 26 points; both novices, proving that off season practice pays race result dividends.

Lloyd scored an easy victory in the first heat from pole position. Mike Snell held on to second place after David Haines' spark plug blew out of his engine on the fourth lap.

Penalised

Dave Burfoot appeared to take third place after spinning off in the sixth lap but was penalised four laps for an illegal novice status restart.

Third place was awarded to Bollig who tested the mechanical strength of his kart on the tyre barricades at Club House Corner in the seventh lap during an attempt to pass Dave Burfoot.

All six karts managed to make it in the second race which Haines won with consummate ease. Lloyd again held onto third place.



Lloyd rounds the Club House Corner on his way to victory. Right: Lloyd (centre) with Haines (left) and Bollig after receiving their prizes.

After some consistent driving and Roy Tiffner, who only purchased his kart three days before the race, came a creditable fourth.

The third race was again taken by Lloyd with Haines in close pursuit for nine laps until he retired from electrical problems.

After the sixth lap however Lloyd clawed his way through the field to second place but was unable to make any significant impression on the Haines' lead. Bollig again held onto third place.

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Tiffner both suffering with engine problems coming fifth and sixth respectively.

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Corner followed by Haines, Tiffner and Lloyd.

Lloyd took Tiffner at the following corner and Bolig led the leading trio down the "Essexes." During the subsequent manoeuvre around the "Essexes" all three karts were line abreast down the straight with Tiffner bringing up the rear.

At the end of the straight

Lloyd was first around Club

House Corner followed by

Haines, Bolig and Tiffner.

Bolig subsequently retired when his carburettor failed causing him to accelerate uncontrollably until some very hot brakes brought him to a halt. Lloyd held onto his winning position until the chequered flag with Haines and Tiffner taking second and third.

Final race results:

1st Simon Lloyd (Like Cola) 38 points

2nd David Haines (Halliburton) 30 points

3rd Tom Bollig (Halliburton) 26 points

4th Mike Snell 20 points

5th Roy Tiffner 17 points

6th Dave Burfoot 16 points

Title fight

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct 3, (AP): Colombian Fidel Bassa scored a unanimous decision over Raymond Medel of the United States to retain the World Boxing Association flyweight title yesterday.

Bassa, who improved his record to 21-0-1, recorded his fifth title defence by establishing himself early in the bout and holding on for the victory. Judges scored the fight 117-111, 116-115 and 116-112 in favour of the champ.

Both fighters tested one another early on, but Bassa was able to get inside to score on a combination at the end of the first round.

NEW YORK, Oct 3, (AP): Jim McMahon and Dennis Gentry provided the offensive thrust while Chicago's defense shut down Buffalo, handing the Bills a 24-3 loss yesterday, their first loss of the NFL season.

McMahon completed 20 of 27 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns, and Gentry raced 58 yards, the longest run of his career, on a reverse for another Bears score.

"Give all the credit to Jim McMahon," Chicago coach Mike Ditka said. "He took a lot of nips and shots. We had to attack and just made things happen."

Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly had 37 passes for 274 yards but was sacked six times for losses of 56 yards. The Bills were held to a net of zero yards rushing. They attempted only two running plays in the second half.

In other games yesterday, it was Cleveland 23, Pittsburgh 9;

Tampa Bay 27, Green Bay 24;

Philadelphia 32, Houston 23;

New England 21, Indianapolis 17; the New York Giants 24,

Washington 23; Seattle 31,

Atlanta 20; Phoenix 41; the Los Angeles Rams 27; the New York jets 17; Kansas City 17; Cincinnati 45; the Los Angeles Raiders 21; Denver 12; San Diego 0; San Francisco 20; Detroit 13; and Miami 24, Minnesota 7.

Dallas was at New Orleans this evening.

McMahon set up the Bears' first touchdown when he ran 16 yards on a broken play, then threw a 4-yard scoring pass to Emery Moorehead. The Chicago quarterback teamed up with Ron Morris on a pass play covering 63 yards for a second-quarter touchdown. Morris caught the ball on the Buggalo 41 and eluded three tacklers on his way to the end zone.

Giants 24, Redskins 23

Odessa Turner caught eight

passes for 103 yards and a touchdown and the New York Giants held off a late rally by Washington to edge the Redskins. Washington, 2-3, missed a chance to take the lead when rookie kicker Chip Lohmiller missed a 36-yard field goal attempt with 2:54 left.

Buccaneers 27, Packers 24

Donald Igweibuike's 44-yard field goal with 12 seconds left gave Tampa Bay a victory over green bay for the second time this season. The Buccaneers, 3-3, also edged Green Bay 13-10 three weeks ago when Igweibuike kicked a 28-yard field goal with three seconds left.

Eagles 32, Oilers 23

Randall Cunningham passed for touchdowns and ran 33 yards for another score to rally Philadelphia from a 16-point first-quarter deficit. Cunningham completed 24 of 38 passes for 289 yards, while the Eagles' defense held Houston's usually explosive offence to 206 yards — 55 running and 156 passing.

Patriots 21, Colts 17

Doug Flutie came off the bench to spark a 14-point fourth quarter, including a 13-yard run with 23 seconds to play to lead New England over Indianapolis.

Seahawks 31, Falcons 20

Rookie Kelly Stouffer engineered for touchdown drives in his first NFL start and John L. Williams scored three touchdowns on short runs as Seattle downed Atlanta.

Broncos 12, Chargers 0

Rich Karlis provided all of the offense, kicking four field goals in Denver's victory over San Diego. The game turned on the play of the Broncos' special teams, which snuffed a first-half field goal try, blocked a Ralf Moisiejewski punt late in the third quarter and forced a fumble by San Diego punt returner Lionel James with 10:23 remaining.



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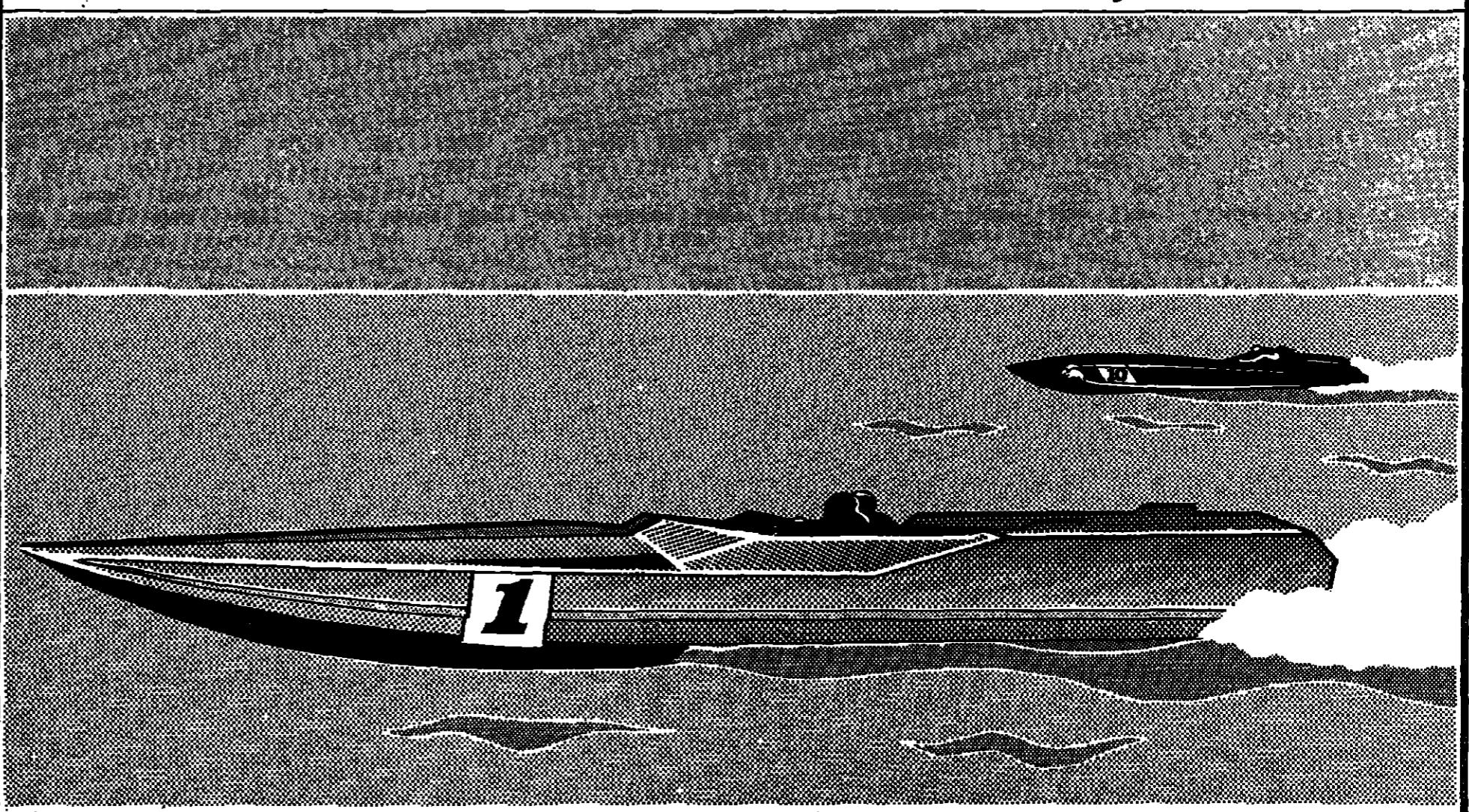
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- Bright orange life jackets (inflatable life jackets not permitted).
- A marine compass (advanced electronic navigation equipment is prohibited).
- Anchor suitable for the size of the boat and a 25 metre (minimum) rope.
- At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
- Boats must be adequately supplied with fuel sufficient to cover the race distance.
- Any battery or fuel tank leakages must be well-checked and repaired before the race.
- Each boat should carry either a telephone or a 2 way radio system.

Failure to comply with the above regulations and safety requirements will result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be held prior to the race, and competitors must display their safety equipment on the deck of the boat.

Bulletins detailing further requirements/information will be issued from time to time.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.
- Last date for accepting entries is October 25, 1988.

Entry fee per person KD 15.000



The 67.5 Nautical mile race will start opposite the Messilah Beach Hotel.

SPORTS

Indians ignore English deadline

MADRAS, Oct 3. (Reuter): India's cricket chiefs today refused the deadline imposed by England to save this winter's proposed tour.

Ranbir Singh, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said there was no change in the board's backing of the government's decision to refuse visas to eight of the England touring team because of their South African connections.

"It is up to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to cancel the tour or not," Singh told reporters.

The TCCB, which runs first-class cricket in England, had given India until October 3 to reconsider its decision to refuse visas to the eight players who include captain Graham Gooch.

There was never any doubt the Indian decision on visas meant there would be no tour, which is due to start on December 6, unless England replaced the eight with players who had not played or coached in South Africa.

The question then became which country cancelled the tour and was therefore responsible for picking up the costs involved.

Decision

On September 27, the TCCB said it had given India six more days to decide the tour's future, saying if the deadline ran out without a new decision, England would consider the Indian invitation to tour withdrawn.

Singh said the BCCI had sent a message to London after learning of what he called the TCCB's ultimatum, but he would not disclose its contents.

Singh was in Madras for a BCCI meeting which appointed batsman Dilip Vengsarkar captain of the Indian side for the Sharjah Cup in the United Arab Emirates from October 16-21 and the Asian Cup, which will take place in Dhaka from October 26 to November 16.

Singh said the vice-captain and the rest of the team would be chosen tomorrow.

In London, there was no decision from the TCCB today about the tour.

A statement issued from the board's headquarters at Lord's said: "There have been various communications to and from India during the last week, together with a number of telephone conversations. A report of these contacts will be made to the executive committee of the TCCB at tomorrow's scheduled meeting.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sabah tourney

THE Sabah cricket tournament will start at the Safeway ground on Oct 7 with the opening match between Meriden and Hilli cricket clubs at 5.30 am.

Women's golf

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct 3. (Reuter): Kathy Baker Guadagnino of the United States fired a five-under-par 67 yesterday to win the \$300,000 San Jose Classic, her second victory in five years on the women's circuit.

Southern Open

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct 3. (Reuter): David Frost of South Africa won for the first time on the US PGA Tour yesterday when he birdied the first hole for a playoff with American Bob Tway in the \$400,000 Southern Open tournament.

Green arrested

NEW YORK, Oct 3. (AP): Boxer Mike Green was arrested for the third time in less than two weeks and charged with driving while intoxicated, police said.

Cycle race

DUBLIN, Ireland, Oct 3. (AP): West German cyclist Rolf Goldz won the Nissan Classic Tour of Ireland race yesterday by six seconds after five days of racing over 943 kilometres.

Marathon race

ST PAUL, Minnesota, Oct 3. (AP): Danny Boltz of Australia let compatriot Adam Hoyle take a big early lead, then overtook him in the last six miles to win the 1988 Twin Cities marathon yesterday.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Habra Bridge Club game played on Saturday:
NJS
1. Jamila Akel & Nabil Akel
2. Ghani & F. Sayem
3. Gajjar & Aurora
E/W
1. G. Rajeev & Vandangamuthan
2. D. Pereira & Spre
3. Tia & Kalath.

KRIEK LOSES IN STRAIGHT SETS

Chang wins first GP title

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct 3. (Reuter): Michael Chang, the 16-year-old whiz-kid of American tennis, played with all the confidence of a seasoned veteran to beat Johan Kriek straight sets and claim his first career Grand Prix singles title yesterday.

Chang, ranked 36th in the world, needed just an hour and 19 minutes to turn aside his 64th ranked fellow American 6-2 6-3 in the \$415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix tournament.

Biggest

Chang, who was beaten by 18-year-old American Andre Agassi in the round of 16 at the US Open, won \$59,500 for his biggest payday.

Kriek, whose service game did not resemble the razor sharpness that helped him defeat former number one John McEnroe in the semifinals, picked up \$29,750.

Neither player in the finals was seeded.

Chang's victory made him the



Chang got \$59,500 for winning the title

youngest ever winner of a "Super Series" Grand Prix title. American Aaron Krickstein was

five months younger when he

won a regular series title in Tel Aviv in 1983.

"It's phenomenal that he can play that kind of tennis at 16

years old," the 30-year-old Kriek said. "He was playing tremendously and not making any unforced errors. There's always room for a newcomer."

Chang took command in the third game of the opening set, breaking Kriek, and raced to a 5-2 lead as the older player frequently missed on his first serve. Chang held serve for the first set 6-2 as Kriek netted a forehand.

Kriek double-faulted and dropped serve in the opening game of the second set as Chang hit a backhand crosscourt return. Games went on serve and, leading 5-3, Chang broke Kriek for a match with a forehand crosscourt volley.

"I figured it was very hard to put me away from the baseline," Chang said of his effort. "I started to lob a little and take the pace off the ball. I made Johan think a little more about the high ones and how he should hit

Aussies slam 472 in first innings

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct 3. (Reuters): Off-spinner Peter Taylor lashed 11 from 80 balls to boost Australia's cricketers to their highest tour score of 472 for eight declared against the North West Frontier Province Governor's XI today.

The local side, who started their first innings reply shortly before tea, were 115 for three at the close of the second day of the three-day match.

Taylor showed his prowess with the bat after Australia slipped from their overnight 321 for three to 357 for seven, left-arm spinner Masood Asrar capturing three of the wickets following a 45-minute delay at the start due to early morning rain.

Bowed

Left-hander Taylor hammed 13 boundaries and put on exactly 100 with leg-spinner Peter Sleep (28 not out) for the eighth wicket before being bowled by paceman Babar Zaman.

When Australia resumed their first innings, Mike Veletta fell lbw to Masood without adding to his overnight 20, and Graeme Wood was fifth out for 70 at 341 when leg-spinner Iqbal Sikander clean-bowled him off his pads.

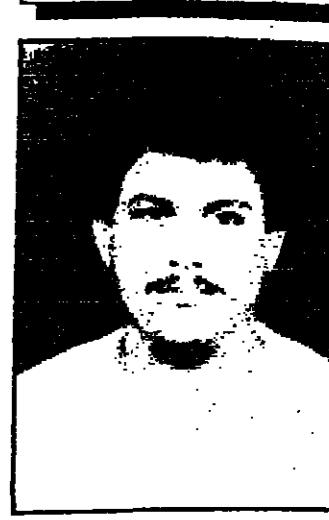
Five runs later, Jamie Siddons (8) was caught at first slip by Sikander after edging a turning delivery from Masood, while Steve Waugh continued his sequence of low scores by being caught at forward short-leg off Masood for two.

Then Taylor took over and set about the bowling with lovely strokes on both sides of the wicket. He was particularly severe on paceman Zakir Khan whose two overs with the second new ball yielded 29 runs.

When the local side started their innings, Craig McDermott struck in his opening over by having Babar Zaman caught smartly by Geoff Marsh at second slip without scoring.

Babat Ali and Zahoor Elahi carried the score to 42 before Elahi was leg before to Waugh for 19.

LOCAL CRICKET



Shaukat: four for 14

CCK score easy win over Flying Arrows

CRICKET Club of Kuwait (CCK) defeated Flying Arrows by 33 runs in an India Tea Board Trophy match at the EPI grounds on Friday.

Flying Arrows, after winning the toss, put CCK in to bat.

Openers Riaz and Raees Khan took the score to 29 before the latter was stumped off Vijay. Riaz hammered an unbeaten 79 while Faisal scored 32 as CCK scored 147 in the allotted 25 overs.

Flying Arrows, however, failed to capitalise on their bowlers' success and were all out for only 14 runs. He good support from Fawaz and Raees who both took two wickets each for 19.

Lanka Colts overcome Rangers

AN UNBEATEN 55 by captain Hiran Fernando and an all-round performance by Ossen, who hit 39 runs and took six wickets for 28 runs, helped Lanka Colts score victory over Rangers Cricket Club in a GCL League match at the EPI grounds on Friday.

Set 172 to win, after Rangers had been restricted to 171 for nine in 29 overs, Colts were well behind the run-rate before Hiran took the Rangers' bowlers to task and turned the game in his team's favour.

Hiran was well supported by Ossen, who earlier on made Rangers toil for runs. Sajid took four wickets for 39 for Rangers.

Rangers had started their innings well with Bitu hitting 78 and Sajid 41 before they ran into some accurate bowling from Ossen who tore apart the Rangers' line-up after a first-wicket stand of 86.

Super Star win

SUPER STAR Cricket Club scored a five-wicket victory over Gold Star Cricket Club in a Friends Trophy match at the Blue Tower ground on Friday.

Batting first, Gold Star were all out for 142 in 20 overs. Super Star scored the required runs for the loss of six wickets. Abdul Razzaq was in terrific form hitting five sixes and 10 fours in his 101 while Idrees scored 29.

Jamil and Shehzad took two wickets each.

Amin Butt, the chief guest, presented the trophy to Ghulam Haider — skipper of Galaxy. Kanayat, Sikander and Tariq scored 36, 43 and 28 respectively. Tariq also took seven wickets for 17 runs in Gold Star's innings.



Galaxy clinch crown

GALAXY Cricket Club scored a four-wicket victory over Khetan XI recently to clinch the Friends Cricket Cup at the Airport-Millat ground.

Batting first, Khetan XI scored 159 for the loss of eight wickets in their 20 allotted overs. Ansar was the top scorer with an unbeaten 31 while Shehzad hit 28, Ilyas 23 and Jamil 22. Ghulam Haider took two wickets for 20, Riaz Mian two for 31 and Javed Shah, Waheed, Tariq and Habib one each.

In reply, Galaxy got the required runs in only 17.1 overs for the loss of six wickets. Abdul Razzaq was in terrific form hitting five sixes and 10 fours in his 101 while Idrees scored 29.

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Both Givens, who stars in a television series, and his mother flew to Los Angeles yesterday and were unavailable for comment.

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